On Apr. 14, 2020, U.S. Transportation Command directed the use of personally procured or self-made face coverings in all TRANSCOM and Air Mobility Command terminals and on all military or commercially contracted aircraft to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The guidance is in accordance with CDC recommendation and DOD guidance to wear cloth face coverings to maintain social distancing.

Q1: Why did TRANSCOM direct everyone to where face coverings?
A1: TRANSCOM is continuously assessing its role in stopping the spread of COVID-19 including making sure we are following CDC recommendations and DOD guidance. The directive is in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendation and Department of Defense guidance to wear cloth face coverings in public settings where social distancing at a minimum of six feet of separation is difficult to maintain.

Q2: Will TRANSCOM and AMC provide face coverings?
A2: If travelers do not have face coverings, they should visit CDCs website for instructions on how to create homemade face coverings at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html. Face coverings will not be provided by TRANSCOM or AMC.

Q3: Who does the directive apply to?
A3: The directive to wear face coverings applies to personnel including military personnel, DoD civilian employees, family members, DoD Contractors, and non-DoD U.S. government personnel.

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