



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE**  
HEADQUARTERS 88TH AIR BASE WING (AFMC)  
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE OHIO

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL WRIGHT-PATTERSON PERSONNEL

FROM: 88 ABW/CC

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Hair Grooming Standards

1. In wake of the global COVID-19 pandemic, Ohio State Government has directed all barbershops, hair salons, beauty salons etc., to temporarily close down. Subsequently, we have followed this direction and closed these facilities on Wright-Patterson AFB as well. Therefore, effective immediately, grooming standards for men and women's hair length and bulk, as instructed by AFI 36-2903, Dress and Appearance for Air Force Personnel, paragraphs 3.1.1., 3.1.2. and 3.1.3 only are temporarily suspended for all Military Airmen assigned to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. However, any deviation should be accomplished reasonably and should not impede our ability to perform duties, properly and professionally wear uniforms and head gear, nor prevent or obstruct the use of protective and/or safety equipment.
2. Relaxed hair grooming standards only apply to length and bulk on the sides, top and back of the head per the aforementioned paragraphs. All other guidelines within AFI 36-2903 regarding sideburns, hairstyles, cleanliness, grooming, professional appearance, shaving etc. remain in effect and must be adhered to.
3. These temporary grooming standards will remain in effect until 31 May 2020 or rescinded based on changes to the operational environment.
4. Please direct all questions or concerns through your chain of command. My POC is my Command Chief, CMSgt Steve Arbona; [stephen.arbona@us.af.mil](mailto:stephen.arbona@us.af.mil) or 937-257-8803.

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