Health Protection Condition (HPCON) Levels

The DoD has protocol for public health emergencies, and they’re known as health protection conditions – HPCONs. Military leaders and public health personnel use them to guide actions taken in response to a health threat.


Here are the DoD’s five HPCON levels:

**0 RUTINE**

No Community Transmission

When the HPCON is 0, or “Routine,” maintain your everyday actions to stop the spread of germs.

**ALPHA**

LIMITED

Community Transmission Beginning

When the HPCON is A, or “Alpha,” there’s a limited health alert.

**BRAVO**

MODERATE

Increased Community Transmission

When the HPCON is B, or “Bravo,” your area is experiencing an increase in community transmissions.

**CHARLIE**

SUBSTANTIAL

Sustained Community Transmission

When the HPCON is C, or “Charlie,” your area is experiencing sustained community transmission.

**DELTA**

SEVERE

Widespread Community Transmission

When the HPCON is D, or “Delta,” your area is experiencing severe, widespread community transmission.

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