

Fort Belvoir Facebook Virtual Town Hall Q&A Recap

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Participants:

- COL Michael Greenberg, Fort Belvoir Garrison Commander
- CAPT Cynthia Judy, Director, Fort Belvoir Community Hospital
- Mr. George Dickson, Director, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation
- Mr. Chis Landgraf, Acting Director, Public Works
- Mr. Kevin Rennick, Director, Human Resources
- Mr. Frank Hentschel, Director, Emergency Services
- Ms. Amber Flores, Chief, Physical Security

Question: How do we get school or sports or camp physicals?

CAPT Cynthia Judy: Appointments are available in family medicine and pediatrics for those physicals. In addition to that, in a future day we're at a coordinate, what we'll call a rodeo. And you can see how we can get lots of people through socially distancing all of that. Very time initially but right now if you were to call to 571-231-1803, option one.

Question: Will Fort Belvoir Community Hospital be administering COVID-19 blood testing for immunoglobulin for asymptomatic individuals who've been exposed?

CAPT Cynthia Judy: We get a lot of antibody questions because people see that on the news. I'll tell you the current practice management guide advises against the use of serologic testing for patient screening, because there's high false positives and false negative results. And there's no proof that having antibodies to COVID protects you right now from getting COVID again. So, we're not doing that testing at this time there are currently no FDA approved by tests available.

Question: Can first responders be included with active duty for gyms?

COL Michael Greenberg: The answer is no, not at this time. However, we will work with our first responders to make sure they have some availability at the gym.

Question: Will fitness have a capacity cap?

COL Michael Greenberg: Yes, just like the Commissary and other locations, in order to maintain social distancing standards.

Question: Why are the chapels not open?

COL Michael Greenberg: New guidance has been issued and the Garrison will take a look at that in order to review options for expanded religious services. Fort Belvoir has a large number of attendees at some of its chapel services and many of those attendees are in high risk categories. So we are going to have to look at how we can expand options while maintaining social distancing standards.

Question: Can we get the parking strips repainted at the Warrior Pavilion?

Mr. Chris Landgraf: Yes, we are working on a contract to get this done.

Question: What is the current PPE requirement for entering a home for a maintenance call?

Mr. Chris Landgraf: Maintenance responding to a call is required to wear PPE consisting of gloves, masks and shoe covers.

Question: When can we expect maintenance to resume normal/routine maintenance calls?

Mr. Chris Landgraf: The Villages is currently completing routine work orders that do not require entry into the home. A plan is being developed regarding normal operations and residents will be informed. When routine maintenance reoccurs, precautions will be taken for both the safety of our residents and the workers.

Question: Are we looking at reopening the Barden Center for the purpose of test proctoring?

Mr. Kevin Rennick: Yes, as we continue to look at reopening services across the installation. The Barden Education Center is one of the areas we are exploring. Our goal is to ensure that we can provide services in a safe environment. The decision will be condition-based, so we don't have a projected time for reopening.

Question: My problem is that my daughter used to attend deal with DLA CDC, and they have sent zero information out, nothing that are not worse, worse. How did families get in contact with the DLA CDC, who they work with, or have communication with the Fort Belvoir CDC?

Mr. George Dickson: The Defense Logistics Agency CDC is not affiliated with nor falls under the direction of the Fort Belvoir garrison, and the IMCOM G-9 CDCs despite being physically

located on the garrison. Families attending the DLA CDC will need to contact their DLA with a chain of command directly with concerns questions.

Question: What training and regulations govern FCC providers?

Mr. George Dickson: All FCC providers received 40 hours of additional training and certification as well as annual training in CPR first aid. This includes child development; medication administration; communicable diseases; blood borne pathogens; fire safety; special needs business practice; lesson planning; and much more. FCC homes are inspected by the fire department, installation safety office, and Fort Belvoir Community Hospital Public Health Nursing. The FCC director visits the homes announcement and unannounced often to ensure compliance with Army regulations, FCC providers are required to clean and sanitize their homes daily, and as needed throughout the day. The CYS Nurse Consultants visit the homes for training information and review standards. The requirements for these FCC providers will meet the same elevated health and safety standards as the CDC.

Question: Will there be an off post FCC provider program?

Mr. George Dickson: For individuals interested in becoming an off post child care provider, please contact your local county child care office for information regarding requirements.

Question: There has been an increase in crime in River Village. Why are police not patrolling?

Mr. Frank Hentschel: Yes, there are patrols in the Villages both day and night. We also have random patrols.

Question: Is the curfew over?

COL Michael Greenberg: The curfew is still in effect.

Question: Do tenant commands fall under the garrison for reopening?

COL Michael Greenberg: There is coordination between the garrison, the hospital and all of our tenants. However, each tenant command will make their own determination regarding the reopening and employee return to work within the framework of the HPCON levels. Our tenant commands judge their environments, their working conditions, and their employee population. They make the independent call as to how they are going to bring back their workforce, but please keep in mind that they are also coordinating with the hospital, the public health emergency officer and within CDC guidance.