



# US ARMY GARRISON FORT BUCHANAN INSTALLATION ACCESS POLICY

Effective 21 February 2021

**\*\*This notice explains US Army Garrison Fort Buchanan's Installation Access Policy effective 21 February 2021 until further notice. THIS POLICY IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME – Please watch for updates on our Facebook, Twitter, Webpage and Digital Garrison app.\*\***

**1. HPCON Bravo +:** US Army Garrison Fort Buchanan is currently under Health Protection Condition (HPCON) Bravo + (Moderate—Increased Community Transmission). The use of face masks and social distancing of not less than six (6) feet is mandatory at the installation. Do not come on post if you are sick or been mandated to be on restriction of movement from your command or health care provider.

**2. SPC Vega and The Borinqueneers Gates access:**

a. Until further notice, SPC Frances M. Vega gate is open Monday—Saturday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Sunday and Federal holidays closed), Inbound and Outbound traffic. Traffic through this gate is **ONLY** for Service Members, Common Access Card (CAC) card holders, select personnel from the Puerto Rico National Guard supporting COVID-19 operations, and Fort Buchanan housing residents with yellow identification cards. Uniform wear is not required.

b. Borinqueneer's Gate (Main Gate on PR 28) is open 24/7. Wednesday to Sunday ALL valid installation access credentials, MWR and VHIC cards will be accepted at Borinqueneer's Gate from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily to access the installation.

c. VHIC and MWR cardholders, in addition to Retirees and their dependents will be allowed on base **ONLY** Wednesday to Sunday and restricted from accessing the installation on Mondays and Tuesdays.

d. Only up to four (4) affiliated persons per vehicle with the exception of Fort Buchanan Residents with Yellow credentials. All passengers must wear cloth face covering.

e. The trusted traveler program **is suspended** until further notice. **No guests allowed.**

f. Retired Disabled Veterans can bring one (1) authorized person to assist them to shop at either the Commissary or Exchange. Appropriate paperwork and clearance will be vetted at the VCC.

g. COVID-19 medical screenings to include temperature checks will be conducted for all personnel attempting to access Fort Buchanan. Any individual deemed unsafe will be denied installation access. Failure to comply will lead to negative action.

**3. Commissary (DeCA) and Exchange (AAFES) Operations:**

a. Only two (2) authorized persons will be allowed to enter the Commissary and Exchange together.

b. All active/reserve Service Members and their dependents as well as Federal employees authorized will have access to visit the Commissary and the Exchange every day of the week.

c. The visitor policy is suspended. Authorized patrons are **NOT** permitted to bring any visitors into the Commissary or Exchange facilities. Only one hundred and fifty (150) in-store customers will be allowed at any given time inside the Exchange main store, only fifty (50) at the PXtra and only three (3) at the Gas Station Store. Only one hundred (100) in-store customers will be allowed at any given time inside the Commissary. The use of face masks and social distancing of not less than six (6) feet is mandated and will be strictly enforced, unless cohabitation of spouse or children. Social distancing is mandated inside the stores as well as in the lobby, food court, sidewalk and parking areas. Non-compliant patrons will be escorted off the installation and will be barred from reentering post as deemed proper.

**Mandatory Guidance:**

This Notice constitutes an **ORDER** to all individuals within the Fort Buchanan military installation. It is mandatory and punitive in nature. Violators will face adverse criminal and administrative sanctions. The Visitor Control Center hours are from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday. If you have questions concerning access to Fort Buchanan, please contact the Visitor Control Center at (787) 707-3995. Access to the Visitor Control Center is limited to five (5) patrons at a time inside the facility. First-come-first-served by sign-in roster. VHIC and MWR Card holders must receive locally produced credentials at VCC.