



SENIOR MISSION COMMANDER GUIDANCE FORT BUCHANAN EMERGENCY SERVICES TEMPORARY CHANGE TO ACCESS

Visitor Control Center: (787) 707-3995

Effective: 7 April 2020, 0800 Hours

****This notice supersedes prior Temporary Change to access notice dated 13 Mar 2020 – THIS POLICY IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME – Please watch for updates on our Facebook and Webpage*****

1. **HPCON Charlie**: Due to the emergency situation with Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Senior Mission Commander for Fort Buchanan has implemented Health Protection Condition (HPCON) Charlie with Delta Measures (Substantial - Sustained Community Transmission). To protect the force, we urge our community members to follow the Puerto Rico Governor's Executive Orders restricting movement and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for hygiene and social distancing. Social Distancing will be enforced on 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. **While Fort Buchanan is at HPCON Charlie**:
 - a. Borinqueneer's Gate is open 24/7. SPC Frances M. Vega gate is closed. Information about HPCON Charlie measures is available at <https://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/campaigns/covid19/Pages/HPCON.aspx>.
 - b. On Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday **ALL** valid installation access credentials will be accepted at Borinqueneer's Gate from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, **EXCEPT the MWR card and the VHIC pass**.
 - c. The trusted traveler program is suspended. No guests allowed.
 - e. COVID-19 medical screenings consisting, among others, of questions and temperature checks will be conducted for all personnel attempting to access Fort Buchanan. Any individual deemed unsafe will be denied installation access.
 - f. All visitors will exit the installation by 5 p.m. daily on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday.
 3. **Access Delays**: We expect medical screenings to cause major delays at Borinqueneer's Gate and traffic backups. Personnel seeking access to Fort Buchanan must plan accordingly.
 4. **Commissary (DeCA) and Exchange (AAFES) Operations**:
 - a. The visitor policy is suspended. Authorized patrons are **NOT** permitted to bring any visitors into the Commissary or Exchange facilities. Only one hundred (100) in-store customers will be allowed at any given time inside the Commissary and Exchange main store, only fifty (50) at the PXtra and only three (3) at the Gas Station Store. Social distancing of not less than six (6) feet is mandated and will be strictly enforced. Social distancing is mandated inside the stores as well as in the lobby, food court, sidewalk and parking areas.
 - b. Patrons are encouraged to bring and wear their own protective equipment - eye wear, mask and gloves. None will be dispensed at Fort Buchanan. You should be prepared to stand for long periods of time.
 - c. Patrons will adhere to the above instructions as well as any other imparted by DeCA, AAFES and Fort Buchanan's Police Force. Non-compliant patrons will be escorted off the installation and will be barred from reentering post as deemed proper.
 5. 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 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. If you have questions concerning access to Fort Buchanan, please contact the Visitor Control Center at (787) 707-3995.
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