



# USAG FORT BUCHANAN IMPLEMENTS HPCON CHARLIE

Due to the emergency situation with Coronavirus (COVID-19), the U.S. Army raised Health Protection Condition (HPCON) to Charlie across all installations. At Fort Buchanan we have been taking precautionary measures since day one to protect the health and safety of our community. Some of the measures include: providing information on COVID-19; cancelling events; limiting access to the installation; closing SPC Vega gate, one of the main access control points; implementing remote work (telework) procedures with our workforce; and following social distancing guidelines. In our effort to protect the Fort Buchanan community, we are implementing HPCON Charlie with Delta measures.

## **What is HPCON Charlie with Delta measures?**

HPCON – Charlie is defined as Substantial – Sustained community transmission. The recommended actions at this level are:

- Expect cancellation of in-person gatherings (e.g., schools, daycare, all community activities) and restricted ability to travel.
- Plan activities for Family members, especially children, in case you are restricted to your home for prolonged periods of time.
- Prepare for the potential of limited access to supplies and services, including severely restricted access to military installations.
- Implement remote work procedures as directed by your employer.
- If outside the United States, authorized or ordered departure actions may be implemented.

Per the Department of Defense Public Health Emergency Management policy, Delta measures are highest and most protective level defined as Severe – Widespread community transmission. Besides continuing to take all previous actions recommended actions at this level include:

- Expect to remain at home for extended periods of time as movement in the community may be restricted and at-home isolation or quarantine may be directed.
- Follow all directives and guidance from local, state and federal authorities; these actions are to protect the health and safety of you and your Family.

These Health Protection Conditions are based on the severity of the disease and the level of transmission occurring in the local community.

## **What is the status at Fort Buchanan?**

At this time there are no changes in the status of garrison measures. We continue to actively monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic and encourage our community to continue to employ protective measures and follow the guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We will provide updated information as it becomes available, in addition to updated guidance. Visit our Facebook page and webpage under Emergency Updates to find official information on the status of Fort Buchanan during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency.