



REPLY TO
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MEMORANDUM FOR United States Army Garrison Fort Buchanan Employees, Tenant Units, and Partners

SUBJECT: State of the Installation in response to Coronavirus (COVID-19) Health Protection Conditions & Prevention Standards

1. USAG Fort Buchanan is taking precautionary measures to protect the health of the force and maintain operational readiness. We will continue to evaluate current day-to-day operations to ensure the safety of all of our Soldiers, Family members and Civilian personnel. We encourage all personnel to follow the guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We urge our employees, tenant units, and partners to take necessary precautions to ensure force health protection. The Army is working with interagency partners – including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Defense Military Health System and the U.S. Army Public Health Center – to provide information and support to protect our military force and the American people.

2. As of the publication of this memorandum no employees or service members have tested positive for COVID-19 virus on Fort Buchanan. On 11 March, Fort Buchanan implemented additional prudent measures under Health Protection Condition Level Alpha with Bravo measures to protect service members, civilians, families, retirees and visitors, including:

- a. No-touch ID scanning and wear of gloves by all security guards at access control points
- b. Increased availability of hand sanitizer products for high traffic base facilities, including exchanges, Commissary, dining facilities, fitness centers and unit areas
- c. All Open Post Events have been cancelled for the next sixty (60) days.
- d. No gathering of groups larger than 250 people with exception of DODEA Schools on post who will be monitored by administrators and educators.
- e. At this time, there are no changes to on-base school or Child Development Center schedules. DODEA and the CDC have emergency plans in place and will continue to monitor.
- f. Practice Social Distancing.
- g. Perform large meetings over 50 people telephonically or thru Video teleconferencing (VTC).

3. The installation is under the current Health Protection Condition Level Alpha with Bravo measures; please continue to follow CDC guidance to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- a. **(HPCON 0)** Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- b. **(HPCON 0)** Wash your hands often and for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.
- c. **(HPCON 0)** Cover your cough/sneeze with a tissue, then throw it in the trash;
- d. **(HPCON 0)** Cough/sneeze into your elbow if tissues are unavailable.
- e. **(HPCON 0)** Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

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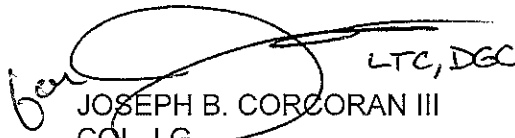
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- f. **(HPCON 0)** Ensure all immunizations are up to date, including your seasonal flu shot.
- g. **(HPCON 0)** Stay home if you are sick and avoid close contact with Family members and pets.
- h. **(HPCON 0)** Create an emergency preparedness kit.
- i. **(HPCON Alpha)** Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- j. **(HPCON Alpha)** If you are sick, call your medical provider for instructions on receiving care before going to the clinic.
- k. **(HPCON Alpha)** Stay informed by routinely checking reliable sources of information such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and your local public health agencies.
- l. **(HPCON Bravo)** Avoid unnecessary contact with others, such as shaking hands and hugging.
- m. **(HPCON Bravo)** Avoid unnecessary travel, especially to areas known to be experiencing active disease transmission.
- n. **(HPCON Bravo)** Observe local guidance on movement restrictions and access requirements for military installations.
- o. **(HPCON Bravo)** Comply with medical orders for self-isolation or quarantine.

4. Fort Buchanan leadership remains in daily contact with interagency partners at the Federal, regional and local level to coordinate actions and implement prudent safety precautions. Our Installation Operations Center (IOC) has been partially activated to monitor the status of the virus on Puerto Rico and to ensure continuity of operations. We want to ensure during this time that we assure you we will take every effort to protect the force and our patrons. Please help us in assuring we can mitigate and contain this virus here on the installation. Any questions please contact the IOC via email preferred at: usarmy.buchanan.imcom-atlantic.mbx-ioc@mail.mil .

5. If you have symptoms such as cough, sore throat, difficulty breathing or additional symptoms such as chills or headaches contact your health provider or doctor, Rodriguez Army Health Clinic recommends to call the front desk at 787-707-2555/2558 before entering the installation or clinic.

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