



THE FORT DETRICK WEEKLIES

ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS AND TRAINING

April 16 – May 16, 2020

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

For updates and materials on COVID-19 visit:

<https://home.army.mil/detrick/index.php/covid-19-information>

Current Operations, Closures and Event Cancellations at Fort Detrick

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

IF YOU CAN NOT MEET SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS OF 6 FT THEN FACE MASKS/COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED.

EFFECTIVE 10 APRIL – ALL PATRONS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE FORT DETRICK COMMISSARY and PX MUST WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN ORDER TO GAIN ENTRY.

Gate Operations:

In response to operational changes due to COVID19, beginning March 23, 2020 at 9 p.m., Veterans Gate Fort Detrick will close until further notice. Nallin Farm Gate and Old Farm gates will remain operational for entry and exit. Nallin Farm Gate will be open 24/7 at Fort Detrick and any vetting operations at Fort Detrick will occur at Nallin Gate.

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Old Farm Gate is open Monday - Friday from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. and on weekends from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

At Forest Glen, Linden Lane Gate will be closed until further notice beginning at 5:30 pm, today Monday March 23, 2020. Brookville Gate will be open 24/7 and any vetting operations at Forest Glen will take place at the Brookville Gate.

Visitors: Beginning March 30, the Visitor Control Center (VCC) at Fort Detrick will close. All vetting at Fort Detrick will occur at the vehicle inspection station. At Forest Glen, vetting will occur at the police desk. Guards at both locations will assist visitors if needed.

Travel and health screenings of all visitors, deliveries and vendors will take place at the Fort Detrick Vehicle Inspection Point and the Police Desk at Forest Glen.

AAFES/Fort Detrick Exchange

Hours of Operation:

Detrick Mini Mall (gas pumps remain open 24/7)

Fort Detrick Exchange:

Monday – Friday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday – Sunday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Subway:

Monday – Friday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

Dry Cleaner/Laundry Services:

Monday / Wednesday/ Friday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Tuesday / Thursday / Sunday: Closed

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Barquist Army Health Clinic:

Health Screenings-Visitors are prescreened prior to parking vehicles and entering Barquist Army Health Clinic.

Patient and Family Partnership Council - cancelled for April & May 2020

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Dental Clinic:

Reducing capabilities. Sick call each day from 7:30-9 a.m. Routine patients with appointments will be contacted to reschedule. Call 301-619-7675 if you have questions.

CAC/ID Card:

Military Personnel Division (MPD): ID Cards/DEERS - appointment only; no walk-ins (exception for CAC Pin resets).

Beginning March 25, Military Personnel Division will prioritize CAC Card renewals to the following categories: Active Duty, Dependents, DOD Civilians, DOD Contractors, CAC Pin resets. The first available date to book appointments in the online system [rapidsystems](#) is April 6. Individuals in those categories should call 301-619-7311 directly to book an appointment.

For those not in these groups that wish to enter the installation you will need to obtain a 90-day temporary pass to re-enter the installation. At Fort Detrick this is done by stopping at the Visitor Control Center at Nallin Farm Gate. Forest Glen employees, the guards at the Brookeville Gate stand ready to assist you in the process.

Fort Detrick employees please direct questions to 301-619-0101
Forest Glen employees please direct questions to 301- 319- 5501

Cleaning

Conduct hourly cleaning of all high traffic customer services areas i.e. lobbies, classrooms, mailrooms etc.

Classroom scheduling - The team is reviewing the number of classes scheduled for the next two weeks and by what organizations. A note will be sent to command teams recommending postponement.

Closings:

National Museum of Health and Medicine closed thru end of March
Fitness Centers at Fort Detrick and Forest Glen until further notice
Tax Center until further notice
Barbershop
Auto Skills Shop
Equipment Checkout Center
Pet Lodging, Doggie Daycare and Dog Wash
Community Activity Center

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Leisure Travel Services

Parent Central Services Is Closed. Contact the CDC at 301-619-3300 or SAC at 301-619-2901

All Installation Playgrounds, including those at Nallin Pond and Housing Area

Discovery Cafe (Building 549) is closed until further notice.

Playgrounds across the installation

Golf Driving Range

Chapel:

Sunday Chapel Services canceled until further notice. Chaplain Jackson will hold virtual sermons via Facebook Live on Sundays, at 11 am hrs. [Click here to tune in.](#)

The Chief of Chaplains will be doing a virtual Easter Sunrise Service. It will be broadcasted on Facebook Live on 12 April, from 0630 to 0730 EDT. See

<https://facebook.com/ArmyChaplainCorps>

Commissary: <https://www.commissaries.com/shopping/store-locations/fort-detrick>

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On March 18, all stores will begin 100% ID Card checks at the entrance of the store and will revoke the visitor policy. This will reduce the number of people in the stores and help with social distancing and crowd control.

Only authorized shoppers are allowed in to the store. The only exception to the policy change is for visitors who are providing active and necessary assistance to an At Risk Patron; an example of this would be a grandchild assisting a grandparent in a wheel chair.

Special hours set aside for at risk populations and Active Duty and their dependents are:

Current Commissary Hours

Monday – Closed

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. At Risk Patrons Only

11 a.m. -1:30 p.m. Active duty/Dependents Patron Hours

1:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. All commissary shoppers welcome

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Wednesday

9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. At Risk Patrons Only

11 a.m. – 6 p.m. All commissary shoppers welcome

Thursday

9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. At Risk Patrons Only

11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Commissary shoppers welcome

Friday

9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. At Risk Patrons Only

11 a.m.- 6 p.m. All commissary shoppers welcome

Saturday

8:30-11 a.m. At Risk Patrons Only

11 a.m. – 6 p.m. All commissary shoppers welcome

Sunday

9:30 – 11 a.m. – At Risk Patrons Only

11 a.m.-5 p.m. All commissary shoppers welcome

On March 19, the "early bird" shopping hours will be eliminated to allow more time for cleaning and restocking of the stores.

Fort Detrick is limiting the quantities of certain items. Customers are asked to please honor these limits.

Commissary - FOREST GLEN

At Risk Authorized Patron Hours are as follows:

Tues-Saturday: 9:30-11 am

Sunday: 10:00-11:30 am

DA Photos:

All official Department of the Army photos are suspended for 60 days or further notice. Once this suspension is lifted, appointments will become available through the Visual Information Ordering site at <https://vios.army.mil>.

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**Education Center:**

Not conducting testing at this time.

Events Cancelled:

Commissary Sale

Spring Research Festival

Equal Employment Opportunity Office:

By appointment only

Food Services:

Carry out only in food service areas such as AAFES and Subway

Garrison Housing Office:

Closed

Gates:

The guards are wearing gloves; pedestals are in use at gates so that CAC Card holders can scan their own ID. Guards are there to assist if needed.

SJA:

Tax Center - Closed until further notice

Remote Legal Services available by calling 301-619-2221 to schedule a telephonic appointment.

Travel:

No travel to CDC level 3 areas and all TDY Cancelled

Tracking INCOMING Soldiers:

Report travelers OCONUS to BAHC

Cancelled Trainings:

TARP until further notice

SHARP cancelled until further notice

ASAP Personal Readiness cancelled until further notice

Local Hazards cancelled until further notice

Newcomers Orientation. April 15 orientation moved to May 20

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- **A MESSAGE TO SOLDIERS FROM THE FORT DETRICK LEGAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE**

To avoid delays in receiving stimulus funds, Soldiers should immediately update their direct deposit information with the IRS at: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment>

WHO: Tax filers who filed their tax returns and used either a Refund Anticipation Check (RAC) or Refund Anticipation Loan (RAL).

WHAT: Economic Impact Payments (aka stimulus payments) provided under the CARES Act will be delivered via direct deposit to filers who have filed 2018 or 2019 tax returns. The IRS will use bank account information from those returns to process payments. Tax preparers may have created a temporary bank account to process the Soldiers' RAC or RAL. Therefore, the IRS should NOT send the stimulus payment to these temporary bank accounts. Instead, the IRS will send the stimulus payment to Soldiers via paper checks, causing delays. This may be avoided if a Soldier provides updated direct deposit information.

WHEN: Effective immediately, tax filers should check their direct deposit information at <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment>

WHY: If a Soldier tax-filer used a RAC or RAL, s/he may not have the appropriate bank account on file for the IRS to send stimulus payments. In such cases, the IRS should send a paper check to the filer, which will delay Soldiers' receipt of stimulus payments. In worst-case scenarios, Soldiers may find their stimulus payments placed into accounts to which they do not have access.

WHERE: Filers should ensure their direct deposit information is correct at: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment>. Filers with questions or concerns about the processing of their payments should seek assistance at their installation legal assistance office.

- **A MESSAGE FROM THE FORT DETRICK CHAPLAIN**

Hello Fort Detrick family,

We are living in unprecedented times right now. There are family members and close friends, who have lost their jobs, that are sick with this virus, along with other conditions; and on top of that, we do not know when things are going to get back to normal. We are all facing this together, and as we all go down this road, I want you to

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know that the Fort Detrick Chapel Team cares about you and your family. We want to be a beacon of support, and one way that we can support is by praying for the individual concerns that you may have as we travel this road together.

If you would like for our team to pray alongside you, please send your prayers to: gregory.s.jackson.mil@mail.mil, or you can call me at 301-748-0486. We are all in this together and we need all the support we can get.

- **A MESSAGE FROM THE USAG MILITARY PERSONNEL DIVISION**

Sent on behalf of USAG Military Personnel Division. Please direct all questions to Military Personnel by calling 301-619-7311.

Beginning April 7, 2020 Army implemented the following changes to ID Cards and Accommodations through 30 September 2020:

a. Common Access Cards -

- (1) CAC transactions shall be limited to initial issuance or reissuance of an expiring CAC within 30 days of expiration; CACs will not be reissued due to printed information changes (e.g., promotions, name changes).
- (2) The policy memorandum allowing transferring DoD civilian employees to retain their CAC will be reissued.

b. Uniformed Services ID Cards -

- (1) If the cardholder's affiliation is unchanged, USID cards which expired on or after January 1, 2020, are authorized for continued use through 30 September 2020.
- (2) Termination of cardholder affiliation with the Department or benefit eligibility shall be verified electronically prior to confiscating an expired USID card with an expiration date on or after January 1, 2020.
- (3) Remote USID card renewals and reissuance shall be expanded.
- (4) Remote family member enrollment/eligibility updates are authorized.
- (5) Remote USID card initial issuance for first-time card issuance or replacement of a lost/stolen ID is authorized.
- (6) All remotely-issued USID cards shall be issued with an expiration date not to exceed one year from the date of issuance.

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- (7) The minimum age for initial USID card issuance is increased from 10 to 14 years.
- (8) Continued use of the Reserve USID card to obtain active duty benefits is authorized for mobilized Reserves and their eligible dependents.
- (9) When available Service-specific procedures for remote enrollment and ID card issuance will be posted on <https://www.cac.mil/coronavirus>.

Please direct all questions to Military Personnel by calling 301-619-7311.

- **Employment Opportunities Within US Army Garrison Fort Detrick**

The Garrison is currently recruiting to fill multiple vacancies. Those vacancies include:

Position Title:

Motor Vehicle Operator (FLO) (WG-5703-07) Closes 16 April

Maintenance Mechanic (MVO) (WG-4749-10) Closes 21 April

Recreation Assistant (Facilities Operator), (NF-0189-02), Closes 26 April

Child and Youth Program Assistant Fort Detrick and Forest Glen (CY-01/02) 1 June

Recreation Aid (Lifeguard) Closes 2 June

Recreation Assistant (Water Safety Instructor) Closes 2 June

To view our openings please visit USAJOBS or click on the link below.

<https://www.usajobs.gov/Search/?!Fort%20Detrick%20Military%20Reservation%2C%20OMD&d=AR&a=ARBA&p=1&s=agency>

- **Road Closures**

1. Lane Closure along Porter Street - Beginning Tuesday, April 21 a portion of Porter Street between Ditto Ave and Beasley Drive will be reduced to one lane to allow for road improvements. Construction is expected to be complete April 30, weather dependent.

Vehicle operators are reminded to please obey flaggers and signage during this time. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience.

2. A portion of Porter Street starting at Building 1650 and going slightly past Nallin Pond Farm Road will be reduced to one lane. Flaggers, signs and barriers will be present. The project will begin April 13 and run through May 1, Monday –Friday. In addition, there will be a steel plate crossing Nallin Farm Pond Road where it intersects with Porter Street.

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3. Additionally, the sidewalk along Porter Street between the parking lot entrance to Building 1650 and Nallin Farm Pond Road will be removed for Duct bank installation and will be reinstalled by the beginning of June.

Work will occur during the day during Monday-Saturday. We ask for drivers and pedestrians to follow detours and/or the guidance of the flaggers and to avoid pedestrian traffic between building 1650 and Nallin Farm Pond Rd. Thank you for your patience during this time and sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

- **Newcomers Orientation Dates**

Fort Detrick hosts multiple Newcomers Orientations throughout the year. We hope all new employees, Active Duty and their families can join us for one of them. Come meet Fort Detrick leadership, take a tour of Fort Detrick and the Frederick community and visit information tables. All orientations take place at the Community Activities Center, Building 1529 Freedman Drive from 8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

May 20, 2020

For more information or to register, call 301-619-6364 or visit

<https://installation.detrick.army.mil/newcomers/index.cfm>

- **2020 Gems Program Information**



2020 GEMS



Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science Summer STEM program

Application Deadline: April 30, 2020

Apply at <https://www.usaeop.com/program/frederick/>

Session1	Session2	Session3	Session4	Session5	Session6
June29 – July2	July6-9	July13-16	July27-30	August3-6	August10-13

GEMS at Fort Detrick brings local students into the cutting-edge world of U.S. Army Research and Development. Designed for 4th through 11th grade students of all academic abilities in the 2019-2020 school calendar, GEMS promises a hands-on experience that will excite. Students will choose from a variety of classes in which they can build robots, dissect squids, learn how to suture, code computer games, solve a murder mystery, and even analyze their own DNA.

Courses are 4 days long and all programs are completely free of charge to students and families. A stipend of \$125 will be awarded to those who participate to offset the cost of transportation.

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- GET INVOLVED TODAY - Gains in the Education of Mathematics and Science (GEMS) Program is looking for volunteers! We need you to provide the direction, coaching and training that empowers today's youth with the skills they will need to lead tomorrow.

Use your skills to be a subject matter expert and teach suturing, dissection, PCR, DNA extraction, electrophoresis, pipetting, robotics, coding, and so much more.

Love talking about your career? Share your journey and all the fun you have each day with a career talk. They only last 15 minutes but provide a long lasting impact to the students that attend GEMS.

Contact Lauren Beeson at 301-619-7942 to sign up today!

Summer STEM Opportunities

CAMP INVENTION

A program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame® (NIHF), Camp Invention is a nationally acclaimed summer program for children in **elementary**, where STEM concepts come to life. Led by local teachers, this program has tapped into kids' natural curiosity since 1990, giving them the opportunity to become innovators through teamwork and immersive, hands-on creative problem-solving.

Availability is limited, so visit www.invent.org/camp or call 800-968-4332 to learn more and secure your child's spot today! Use promo code INNOVATE25SUMMER to save \$25 (expires 3/22) or PLAY15SUMMER to save \$15 (expires 5/10).

Local Opportunities

Whittier Elementary School
Monocacy Elementary School
East Silver Spring Elementary School

GEMS

GEMS is a free summer STEM opportunity for students in grades 4th- 11th. Students will work with other students their age to explore STEM topics that are related to cutting edge U.S. Army Research. Explore robots, code applications, complete dissections, do DNA analysis, solve a murder mystery, and have an amazing time this summer at GEMS.

Applications are closing soon. Apply today at <https://www.usaeop.com/program/gems/>

Local Opportunities

Fort Detrick/Hood College- Frederick, MD
WRAIR- Silver Spring, MD

- The Fort Detrick Legal Service Office would like to pass along the following information regarding possible Coronavirus related scams:
<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-issues-warning-about-coronavirus-related-scams-watch-out-for-schemes-tied-to-economic-impact-payments>

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- **Quarterly Retirement Ceremonies**

USAG Fort Detrick conducts Quarterly Retirement Ceremonies honoring retiring Service Members, and Civilian employees and their families. These ceremonies are held on the second Thursday of the second month of each quarter in the auditorium, building 1520 at 10 a.m.

Any Military at Fort Detrick or in the local surrounding community or Civilian employees who wish to participate should contact Tom Yocklin with the Directorate of Operations by calling (301) 619-2503. The deadline for participants to be included is two weeks prior to the ceremony.

Below are scheduled retirement ceremonies for the next 2 years.

Aug 13, 2020

*Nov 05, 2020

Feb 11, 2021

May 13, 2021

Aug 12, 2021

*Nov 10, 2021

* Due to National Holiday, ceremony not scheduled second Thursday of the second month.

- **Army Community Service Lending Closet**

Did you know that Army Community Service (ACS) Relocation Readiness Program offers basic household goods that may be borrowed up to 60 days for incoming & outgoing Service members, Families and Civilians?

No appointment is needed; just bring in a set of your PCS orders! This service is for Soldiers, Families and Civilians that are either just arriving or on their way out of the community.

You can borrow items such as Ready-to-go kitchen kits, microwaves, rice cookers, blenders, crock-pots, irons and ironing boards, toaster ovens, coffee pots, mixers, toasters & electric frying pans

baby items such as portable cribs, car seats, toddler cots, dining booster seats & baby gates, pots/pans, baking dishes and pans, skilletts, plastic ware, dishes, eating & cooking utensils, cutting boards, strainers, tea kettles, air mattresses, child floor mats & single cots, vacuum cleaners, brooms, dustpans, buckets, trashcans & laundry baskets
folding tables & chairs, dog crates

EFMP items such as wheel chairs, crutches & walkers

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For more information, please call ACS, Relocation Readiness Program at 301-619-6364.

BARQUIST CLINIC & PHARMACY CLOSURE DATES

- Barquist Clinic & Pharmacy will be closed on the following dates:

April 17: Reduced hours (Training) – close at 11:30 a.m.

May 15: Reduced hours (Training) – close at 11:30 a.m.

May 22: Reduced hours (DONSA) – close at 11:30 a.m.

May 25: Memorial Day Holiday – closed all day

TRAININGS

- **Mandatory DA Pre-Retirement/SBP Briefing**

Mandatory DA Pre-Retirement/SBP Briefing: This briefing is MANDATORY for all Active Duty Soldiers. No reservations are required. Soldiers may wear civilian clothing and spouses are welcomed.

Location: Building 1520 classroom 9 (SFL-TAPS classroom)

Time: 0830-1200

BRIEFING DATES FY20:

June 2, 2020

August 4, 2020

Point of contact is Kira Fisher at (301) 619-3448 or kira.l.fisher.civ@mail.mil.

- **SFL-TAP 2019/2020 Calendar:** Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Employment Workshops are conducted by the SFL-TAP Mobile Training Team, VA representatives, and TAP facilitators. The courses last five days and provide attendees the knowledge, information and skills they need to achieve their post-transition occupational or educational goals.

Includes completion of mandatory Pre-separation Counseling Checklist, DD Form 2648; scheduling appointments for applicable transition services, administering intake for Individual Transition Planning, information on how to apply for disability benefits, intensive training in job searching skills and facing issues of transition and career assessments. Includes mock interviews, resume writing, networking, salary negotiations, and the electronic job search.

To register please contact the SFL-TAP Office at (301) 619-9678.

SFL-TAP 2020 SCHEDULE:

May 11 – 15 / June 8 – 12

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Coronavirus Disease 2019 **COVID-19**

What you need to know to keep your family safe and healthy.

Coronavirus or Something Else?

Symptoms	Coronavirus Symptoms range from mild to severe	Flu Abrupt onset of symptoms	Cold Gradual onset of symptoms	Allergies
 Fever	Common	Common	Rare	Sometimes
 Cough	Common	Common	Common	Sometimes
 Headache	Sometimes	Common	Rare	Sometimes
 Aches and Pains	Sometimes	Common	Common	No
 Fatigue	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes	Sometimes
 Sore Throat	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common	No
 Shortness of Breath	Sometimes (on more serious infections)	No	No	Common
 Sneezing	Rare	No	Common	Common
 Stuffy Nose	Rare	Sometimes	Common	Common
 Diarrhea	Rare	Sometimes	No	No

To learn more about COVID-19, visit:

www.tricare.mil/Coronavirus

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and World Health Organization



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Do Not Flush

- ❌ *Disinfecting Wipes*
- ❌ *Flushable wipes*
- ❌ *Cloth wipes*
- ❌ *Paper napkins*
- ❌ *Other non-flushable items*

www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-encourages-americans-only-flush-toilet-paper



Photo Courtesy of San Antonio Water System

COVID-19 Alert: Only Flush Toilet Paper

- While the Army encourages disinfecting your environment to prevent the spread of COVID-19, never flush disinfecting wipes or other non-flushable items.
- Flushing only toilet paper helps ensure that the toilets, plumbing, sewer systems and septic systems will continue working properly to safely manage our Army's wastewater systems.
- With clogs there is the potential for property damage & service interruption.
- If you have additional questions please contact DPW Environmental at:

301-619-3136





THE FORT DETRICK WEEKLIES

ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS AND TRAINING

April 16 – May 16, 2020

Please note: The Weeklies are also on <https://home.army.mil/detrick> under "Weeklies"



In Our Communities

Frederick: <http://www.visitfrederick.org/events> and <http://www.celebratefrederick.com>

Silver Spring: <http://www.silverspringdowntown.com/calendar>

NOTE: Weekly announcements will be sent out every Thursday and will span two weeks' worth of events.

If you have an announcement you would like to include, please send the information to usarmy.detrick.usag.mbx.pao@mail.mil or call 301-619-2018.