



DAILY UPDATE FOR FORT IRWIN: AS OF 18 Sept 20

Important resources:

Fort Irwin Website: <https://home.army.mil/irwin/index.php>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/>

Fort Irwin Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NTCFortIrwin/>

Fort Irwin Garrison Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FTirwin/>

Fort Irwin COVID-19 hotline: 760-383-5304

Situation	HPCON	Example Health Protection Measures
Normal Baseline	0	Routine: Standard precautions such as routine hand washing, cough on sleeve, diet, exercise, vaccinations, education, stockpiling, planning, routine health alerts, etc.
Report of unusual health risk or disease	A	Limited: Health Alert, communicate risk and symptoms, review plans, verify preparation; training, socks, posture, prepare to diagnose, isolate and report new cases.
Outbreak or heightened exposure risk	B	Moderate: Strict hygiene (no handshaking, wipe, common use items); if exposed self-isolate (wear mask or remain home); avoid contaminated water/food or risk area; vector control.
High morbidity epidemic or contamination	C	Substantial: Social distance (limit meetings, socials, TDYs); shelter in place indoors; or, if directed, don respirators; mass distribution of medical countermeasures, if applicable.
High mortality epidemic or containment	D	Severe: Restrict movement (quarantine), mass evacuation, mass decontamination, subsist on secure food/water resources.

NTC is at HP CON C+

The next Facebook Round-up will be held on 23 Sept at 1430. The CG's Community Update will now be Rotationally on RSOI 3. (28 Oct)

Critical update

- San Bernardino County Updates: as of **14 Sep 2020** there are **51,750 active** cases of the COVID-19 virus and **858 deaths**. San Bernardino County continues to see increases in both COVID-19 cases and deaths as testing increases. This includes our neighboring communities of Barstow, Apple Valley, Hesperia and Victorville.
- **Effective immediately:** Gov. Gavin Newsom announced on 28 August a move from the existing state Monitoring List to a four-tier, color-coded system that governs the ability of counties to reopen businesses amid the coronavirus pandemic. The new system is more gradual than before to guard against loosening restrictions too quickly and subsequent case surges. Go to <https://covid19.ca.gov> for information on businesses and activities that can open in the county.
- Please be aware if you are going off post. Governor Newsom has ordered that face masks will be worn in California when in public or high-risk settings to include shopping, taking public transit or seeking medical care. Face masks are still required on Fort Irwin.
- All precautionary measures implemented by the CG to safeguard the NTC/Fort Irwin Community remain in effect (masking, physical distancing, etc).
- **Effective 27 Aug: There is no curfew in effect at the ACP and non-essential travel to Barstow is now authorized.**
- **All remaining on-post precautionary measures remain in effect.** An updated policy memo (dated 27 Aug 2020) can be found and viewed at home.army.mil/irwin or at [facebook.com/NTCFortIrwin](https://www.facebook.com/NTCFortIrwin/).
- **Quarantine and Isolation.** All Soldiers are required to adhere to the directives of medical personnel and commanders regarding an Order into Quarantine or Isolation. Civilians and Family members are also highly encouraged to adhere to these directives. Civilians and Family members living on the installation who do not comply with quarantine or isolation instructions may be barred from Fort Irwin. Civilians and Family members living off post who do not comply may be denied access to the installation. Persons other than Service members may be required, as a condition of entering or exiting Fort Irwin, to submit to a physical examination or testing, as necessary, to diagnose and prevent the transmission of COVID-19 and enhance public health and safety. Qualified clinical personnel will perform examinations and testing.
- **Masking Requirements.** At all times within government buildings and vehicles (to include both tactical and non-tactical), service members will wear a mask when in the presence of others, even when maintaining social distancing standards. Service members may remove their mask



when working alone behind closed doors. This provision does not apply to motor pools, maintenance bays, and other similar open-air covered environments. In such areas, Soldiers will maintain social distancing as defined by this order.

- **Carpooling.** I encourage DACs, DoD Contractors, and all Servicemembers using public transit, carpools, and vanpools to wear facial coverings while traveling to and from Fort Irwin.
- **Voluntary Self-Quarantine.** Due to the recent spike in confirmed cases of COVID-19 in San Bernardino County, I encourage non-military family members who return to Fort Irwin from outside the local area to voluntarily self-quarantine from military personnel for a period of at least 14 days. Individuals practicing self-quarantine should avoid contact with all military personnel as much as possible to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the individual's family as well as the installation at large.
- **Visitation.** Visitors to FICA. Regarding visitors to FICA, I have previously implemented visitor restrictions on-post because of the threat of potential exposure to COVID-19. Department of Defense (DoD) ID Card Holders - to include Active Duty, Dependents, Retirees, DA Civilians, Contractors, Service Providers, Veteran Card Holders, and those that have official DoD business are exempt from this restriction. I have delegated to O-6 commanders the approval authority for any exceptions to this policy. Commanders in the grade of O-6 may further delegate this approval authority to O-5 commanders at their discretion. If the O-6/O-5 commanders approve a visitor request to FICA, then, by extension, they could also be allowing the same visitor to visit and/or stay overnight in housing depending on the nature of the request itself.
- **Home Visitors (i.e. neighbors or others who already reside on-post).** Service members and their families are now allowed limited home visitors inside the home. Each home may host one non-resident family OR up to four unrelated guests simultaneously. This limitation does not apply to interactions between individuals living within the same home. Service members living within the barracks will have no more than one visitor in the same barracks room at the same time. House and barracks parties are still strictly forbidden. Soldiers in the barracks are allowed one visitor per room (Example: two Soldiers sharing one room may each have one guest simultaneously, for a total of two guests).
- The DOD 30 JUN travel ban has been rescinded in favor of a new conditions based procedures based on the White House's Opening up America Again guidelines. Additional guidance will be put out by DA.
- Access to post guidance: Please see memo on website and social media <https://home.army.mil/irwin/index.php>
- **Social distancing:** maintain six feet of separation from other groups and limit group size to ten individuals.
- Units are authorized to conduct Physical Fitness Training at the squad level but maintain social distance standards to the Individual/Buddy team. PPE Level 2 includes: cloth mask, eye pro and gloves. PPE must be cleaned after use or properly disposed of if single use.
- **Public Gatherings.** At this time, Service members are prohibited from attending public gatherings. To assist in stopping the spread of COVID-19, civilian family members residing with a Soldier are strongly encouraged to abide by these restrictions as well.
- **NTC Commanding General's Modified Travel Order, dated 27 Aug 20.** Travel. In accordance with DoD and Army Secretariat references in paragraph 4 of this order, the approval authority for PCS travel is delegated to the first General Officer in the Chain of Command. This authority may not



be further delegated. Approval for all leave/passes unrelated to PCS has been delegated to commanders in the grade of O-6 and may be further delegated. **Non-mission essential travel to Barstow is now authorized.** Service members who reside in Barstow remain restricted to Barstow and FICA for non-mission essential travel and/or business services. Travel beyond Barstow for all Service members remains restricted to mission essential activities and/or business services only. Service members who reside in Victorville, Hesperia, and Apple Valley may travel to and from FICA and Barstow, or within a 5 mile radius of their residence unless a proper exception applies. All Service Members will wear a proper face covering prior to entering any establishment. Also, visiting and/or entering any bar and/or adult entertainment shop (i.e. strip club) is strictly prohibited. To assist in stopping the spread of COVID-19, civilian family members residing with a Soldier are strongly encouraged to abide by these restrictions as well.

- Properly approved leaves and passes are exempt from this order. The memo is posted to social media and on home.army.mil/Irwin.
- **Fort Irwin coronavirus update:**
- DOD has directed the wearing of face masks by all personnel outside of your resident where social distancing is not possible. NTC leadership has mandated that everyone entering in any food establishment, commissary or the PX must wear a face covering.

Actions on services:

- **AAFES has set up outdoor dining at some of their eating establishments.**
- There is a 6-8 week projection for the Dental Clinic to open for elective care (August).
- Cho's Barbershop will open 1 Sept by appointment only, the Barbershop and Stylique Beauty Salon will open 31 August.
- The Desert Winds Bowling Center will open 4 Sept with every other lane operating.
- Sam Adams will open on 2 Sept for outdoor dining by reservation only. Closed Mon, Tues and federal holidays. Please check the Fort Irwin MWR website for hours.
- The Box fitness will open on 4 Sept. Please check the Fort Irwin MWR website for hours.
- The Warrior Zone will open on 9 Sept. Max capacity is 35. Please check the Fort Irwin MWR website for hours.
- Client Services (Legal Assistance, Claims, & Tax Center) is now only offering virtual support, contact the Legal Assistance Office at 380-5321.
- All chapel services will now be virtual.
- The Fort Irwin Commissary/DECA still has limits on certain items. New limits are 1 per transaction of the following items; all flour, hand sanitizer, flushable wipes, baby wipes, disinfectant spray, Lysol wipes, and liquid hand soap, Please go to Facebook for a by name list. <https://www.facebook.com/NTCFORTIRWIN/>

DEERS Information:

- For questions, please call or email rather than coming in the offices. Appointments will be made by call in only. DEERS AND ID CARDS: (760) 380-3100/2348/3099/8976
- **Passports:** (760) 380-6246, 3782, 3415. Effective 01 Apr 2020:
- **OUTPROCESSING FOR SEPARATIONS/CHAPTERS/RETIREMENTS:** (760) 380-4175/3101/9528/6247/3885 usarmy.irwin.imcom.mbx.dhr-transition@mail.mil
- **REASSIGNMENTS:** (760) 380-3782/3415/3104/6246 usarmy.irwin.imcom.mbx.dhr-reassignment@mail.mil



- **DEPLOYMENTS:** We will continue to process mission essential deployments as directed by HQDA.

What don't we know and how we are working on developing the information:

- The block leave dates have not yet been determined or approved. Soldiers/Families should not make plans until approved dates are published.
- Our rotational calendar has resumed. ROT 20-08.11 was a success and ROT-20-08.5 is ongoing. Rotation 20-09 will occur, as scheduled, beginning in August.

FAQ Link (<https://home.army.mil/irwin/index.php/ntc-covid-19-updates>)

Services	Status	Comments
Blue Track	Green	Open Access
Cho's Barbershop	Green	Opens 1 Sept by appt only
Commissary	Yellow	Item restrictions
Directorate of Human Resources	Yellow	
DEERS/ID Cards	Yellow	Expired or lost IDs no kids under 10
Education Center	Green	
Installation Passport / Visa Office	Yellow	Please see notes above under DEERS
Replacement Campus	Green	
SFL-TAP	Green	
Directorate of Public Works (DPW)	Yellow	Minimal manning
Fort Irwin Exchange	Yellow	Purchase limitations
Barbershop and Salon	Green	Opens 31 August
Burger King	Yellow	Take-out and drive through only
Firestone	Green	
Food Court	Yellow	Take-out and outdoor seating
Food Trucks	Red	
Gas Stations	Green	
Gun/Ammo Counter	Yellow	Tues thru Sat
Furniture Store	Green	Wed-Sat 1200-1900
Laundromats	Green	
Mobile kiosks	Yellow	Mon – Fri 1000-1800 Sat/Sun – 1000-1700
Pizza Hut	Yellow	Take-out, outdoor seating and delivery only
Popeyes	Yellow	Take-out and drive through only
Starbucks (Downtown)	Yellow	Take-out, outdoor seating and delivery only
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Subway	Yellow	Take-out, outdoor seating and delivery only
Fort Irwin Housing Services Office	Green	
Self Help	Green	Opened for walk ins.
Fort Irwin MWR admin offices	Red	
ACS	Yellow	24 hour phones manned only/red cross access
Auto Skills Center	Yellow	Tues-Sat 1000 to 1800
BOSS	Red	Closed until further notice
CDC and SAC	Yellow	Open to Mission Essential Only
CYS Field Trips	Red	Cancelled
Desert Winds Bowling Center	Yellow	Opens for bowling and food at lanes and take out
FCC, Part day Preschool, Hourly	Red	



Five Star Catering		Closed until further notice
Freedom Fitness Center		Closed until further notice
Intramural Sports		Postponed
Lending Closet		open
Library		
Memorial Fitness Center		Closed until further notice
Oasis Pool		open for Soldiers in the morning and family in the afternoon and evenings
OHV Area		
Outdoor Recreation		Limited operations call 380- 4327
Paws and Claws		Closed until further notice
Samuel Adams Brewhouse		Outdoor dining by reservation only starting 2 Sept
Shock Wave		Take out only
Splash Park		M-Sunday: 10am-8pm by appointment
Ticket and tours (MWR One Stop)		Closed until further notice
The Box Fitness Center		Mon-Fri: 5am - 8pm/Sat-Sun/Federal Holidays: 9am - 4pm
Warrior Zone		Tues-Fri: 10am - 7:30pm/Sat: 11am - 7:30pm
Fort Irwin MWR Bldg 21		Parent and outreach services
Gate Information and Access Control		Screening questions /curfew in effect
Installation Passport / Visa Office		Closed until further notice
Landmark		
Legal Services		Available by phone
Military and Family Life Counseling		Phone Appt. Only 0800-2000 hrs
Playgrounds		
SKIES Instructional Classes		Cancelled
Smoothie & Things		Take-out only
Veterinary Services		Emergency appointments
Weed Army Community Hospital		
Youth Sports		Cancelled
Armed Forces Bank		M-F 1000-1400 closed on Weekend