



**WEEKLY UPDATE FOR FORT IRWIN:
AS OF 20 Nov 20**

Important Resources:

Fort Irwin Website: <https://home.army.mil/irwin/index.php>
 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/>
 NTC/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 on 25 Nov at 1430. The CG's Community Update will now be Rotationally on RSOI 3. (3 Dec)

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY IS IN THE PURPLE TIER

Currently the county remains in the "Widespread/Purple" tier.

Remember your 3 W's: **WEAR** a mask, **WASH** your hands, and **WATCH** your physical distancing.

Curfew Update:

Aligned with GOV Newsom's latest "Limited Stay at Home Order" dated 19 Nov 20, General Order dated 21 Nov. 20 was modified to implement a curfew. Travel for non-essential purposes and personal gatherings to include home visits, are prohibited between 2200 and 0500. PCS and TDY travel are considered mission essential activities. Soldiers on personal leave or TDY in CA must abide by the States guidelines.

Critical update:

- San Bernardino County Updates: as of **20 Nov 2020** there are **81,328 active cases** of the COVID-19 virus and **1,125 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 28 August 2020:** 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-risks 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).
- **NTC Commanding General's Modified Stay at Home Order, dated 21 Nov 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, Victorville, Hesperia, Baker, and Apple Valley is now authorized. Service members who reside in Barstow, Victorville, Hesperia, Baker, and Apple Valley remain restricted to Barstow, Victorville, Hesperia, Baker, Apple Valley and FICA, for non-mission essential travel and/or business services. Travel to local National Parks (Death Valley, Joshua Park, Mojave National Preserve) is now authorized. Accordingly, Baker is now authorized for non-mission essential travel.** Travel beyond the above areas for all Service members for non-essential purposes requires O6 leave/pass approval. 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. The memo was shared with all O6 commanders and highlights are posted to social media and on home.army.mil/Irwin.

- **b. Visitors to FICA.** Visitors to FICA are authorized pursuant to the conditions set out in this paragraph. 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.
- **d. Unit Formations.** Unit commanders are authorized to hold company/troop/battery-level formations in their respective unit footprints for accountability, inspections, and other unit readiness purposes. Service members are to perform individual or up to squad level team physical fitness training outdoors. No company/troop/battery-level physical fitness training events are authorized.
- **g. Special Unit Events.** Special Unit Events on or off post is authorized pursuant to the following conditions: Events comprising of 50 persons or less will require approval from the first O-6 level commander in the Service member's chain of command. The CG is the approval authority for all other Special Unit Events with attendance that exceeds 50 persons. Special Unit Events are not authorized to be held inside family housing and/or inside barracks. Special Unit Events are permitted in venues tailored for large groups such as community centers. Events can also be held in outdoor communal spaces like large open areas, barracks courtyards, parks, and fields. All personnel in attendance at Special Unit Events will practice social distancing to the maximum extent possible and wear a mask.
- **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.
- **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).
- 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.

Actions on services:

- **Memorial Fitness** has opened on Weekdays only to active duty and dependents.
- **The Fort Irwin Chapel** opened for in-person limited capacity.
- **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 (November).
- **Cho's Barbershop** opened 1 Sept by appointment only, the **Barbershop and Stylique Beauty Salon** will open 31 August.
- **The Desert Winds Bowling Center** opened 4 Sept with every other lane operating.
- **Sam Adams** opened 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** opened on 4 Sept. Please check the Fort Irwin MWR website for hours.
- **The Warrior Zone** opened on 9 Sept. Max capacity is 35. Please check the Fort Irwin MWR website for hours.
- **Client Services** (Legal Assistance, Claims, & Tax Center) offers virtual support and in-person support by appointment only. Contact the Legal Assistance Office at 380-5321.
- **The Fort Irwin Commissary/DECA** still has limits on certain items. Limits include: 1 package per transaction on all flour, flushable wipes, baby wipes, Lysol Wipes, Sanitizing products, hand sanitizer and liquid hand soap.
- **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.

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	Mondays – Fridays 7:30a.m. – 4:30p.m
Commissary	Yellow	Item restrictions
Directorate of Human Resources	Yellow	
DEERS/ID Cards	Yellow	Expired or lost IDs no kids under 10
Education Center	Yellow	Online only/virtual
Installation Passport / Visa Office	Yellow	Please see notes above under DEERS
Replacement Campus	Green	Social distancing measures in effect
SFL-TAP	Green	
Directorate of Public Works (DPW)	Yellow	Minimal manning
Fort Irwin Exchange	Green	Social distancing measures in effect
Barbershop and Salon	Green	Monday – Saturday: 9a.m. – 6p.m.; Sunday: 10a.m. – 4p.m.
Burger King	Yellow	Take-out and drive through only
Firestone	Green	Monday – Friday: 8a.m. – 2p.m.
Food Court	Yellow	Take-out and outdoor seating
Food Trucks	Red	
Gas Stations	Green	Social distancing measures in effect
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
GameWorld	Yellow	Mon – Thurs: 11a.m. - 7p.m.; Fri-Sat: 11a.m. – 8p.m.; Sunday: 11a.m. - 6p.m.



Enterprise	Yellow	Fridays 12p.m. – 3 p.m.
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
Starbucks	Yellow	Take-out and drive through only
Subway	Yellow	Take-out, outdoor seating and delivery only
Fort Irwin Housing Services Office	Green	0730–1630 Mon, Tues, Thu, and Friday, Wed 1630
Self Help	Green	Opened for walk ins.
Fort Irwin MWR admin offices	Yellow	Services by APT
ACS	Yellow	24 hour phones manned only/red cross access
Auto Skills Center	Green	COVID protocols in effect
BOSS	Red	Mon – Fri: 10a.m. – 3p.m.
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	Red	Closed until further notice
Freedom Fitness Center	Red	Closed until further notice
Intramural Sports	Red	Postponed
Lending Closet	Yellow	open
Library	Yellow	Mon-Fri: 10am – 5pm; Saturday: 9am - 3pm
Memorial Fitness Center	Red	Mon-Fri: 5am - 8pm; Sat-Sun/Federal Holidays: Closed
Oasis Pool	Yellow	open for Soldiers in the morning and family in the afternoon and evenings
OHV Area	Green	
Outdoor Recreation	Yellow	Limited operations call 380- 4327
Paws and Claws	Red	Closed until further notice
Samuel Adams Brewhouse	Yellow	Outdoor dining by reservation only starting 2 Sept
Shock Wave	Yellow	Take out only
Splash Park	Red	Closed until Spring 2021
Ticket and tours (MWR One Stop)	Red	Closed until further notice
The Box Fitness Center	Green	Mon-Fri: 5am - 8pm/Sat-Sun/Federal Holidays: 9am - 4pm
Warrior Zone	Green	Tues-Fri: 10am - 7:30pm/Sat: 11am - 7:30pm
Fort Irwin MWR Bldg. 21	Green	Parent and outreach services
Gate Information and Access Control	Yellow	Screening questions /curfew in effect
Installation Passport / Visa Office	Red	Closed until further notice
Landmark	Green	
Legal Services	Yellow	Available by phone
Military and Family Life Counseling	Yellow	Phone Appt. Only 0800-2000 hrs.
Playgrounds	Green	
SKIES Instructional Classes	Red	Cancelled
Smoothie & Things	Yellow	Take-out only
Veterinary Services	Yellow	Emergency appointments
Weed Army Community Hospital	Green	



Youth Sports		Cancelled
Armed Forces Bank		M-F 1000-1400 closed on Weekend