



FORT GEORGE G. MEADE

## Media Advisory

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## Fort Meade Gates to Shut Down as Part of Emergency Response Exercise

**EVENT:** Gate closures at Fort Meade

**WHEN:** Friday afternoon, Oct. 26, 2018

**WHERE:** Fort Meade

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** This afternoon, Fort Meade will implement Force Protection Delta procedures as part the installation's ongoing participation in the Operation Vigilant Shield Exercise.

This will include closing multiple access control points leading onto and off post. Expect potential delays around the installation.

The exercise is expected to end by 3 p.m., so it does not interfere with school dismissals and the evening commute.

The intent of Vigilant Shield is to practice responding to emergency situations surrounding a Department of Homeland Security incident.

The exercise is conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, local police units and other agencies.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation and patience as we continue to work to ensure the safety and security of the people who visit, live and work on the installation.

Fort Meade regularly conducts these exercises to practice our close cooperation with other emergency response organizations and to ensure the safety and security of the people who visit, live and work on the installation.

### BACKGROUND

Fort George G. Meade is celebrating the installation's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Established in 1917, Fort Meade is now the largest employer in the state of Maryland and with more than 56,000 employees, is the second largest Army installation in the continental United States in terms of personnel. We are the home to all branches of military service; Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine and Coast Guard and serve as the home for 119 partner organizations including U. S. Cyber Command, the National Security Agency, the Defense Information Systems Agency, the Defense Information School as

well as federal agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Science Center.

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