



JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS

Press Statement

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JBLE announces restrictions to base access

JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS, Va. – Effective Apr. 1, 2020, at 6 a.m., the JBLE commander will implement restrictions to base access for Langley Air Force Base and Fort Eustis. Only individuals who are deemed mission-critical personnel will be allowed access. All others, to include retirees and VHIC card holders, with normal installation access are now only allowed entry on Monday and Tuesday, until further notice.

Mission-critical personnel are all active duty, guard, reserve, government civilian and contractors as identified by the appropriate supervisor or unit commander.

“This situation is serious and rapidly changing, so these measures, while inconvenient, are being implemented to prevent unnecessary risk and prevent the spread of COVID-19 across the Peninsula,” said Ross. “Our service members and their families, live, work and thrive here, and we’re treating this invisible threat like any other enemy. Alongside our community partners we have a unified effort to combat this virus both inside and outside the gates.”

These restrictions are necessary to reduce the footprint on JBLE during our highest mission periods. Protecting the health and safety of the base population, including service members, dependents, retirees, and civilians from potential exposure is vital to reducing community transmission while maintaining operational effectiveness.

Exceptions to the guidance include base access for:

- 1) Active duty, reserve, guard personnel, and their dependents with ID cards seeking essential installation support services. (i.e. Healthcare, Commissary, BX/PX, Exchange Mart)
- 2) Any beneficiary (including retirees) with a scheduled medical or dental appointment.
- 3) Residents of Hunt Housing Community and Balfour Beatty Community as well as their visitors who possess a base pass. New passes will only be issued with unit commander/director or above approval.
- 4) Approved residents of Bethel Recreational Area (FAMCAMP), Fort Eustis Outdoor Recreation RV Park and Lodging/TLF.
- 5) United States Postal Service, UPS, Amazon and grocery delivery services (Instacart) other previously authorized official delivery services will continue. Fast food deliveries will not be allowed access to the base. Personnel can retrieve fast food deliveries from the Visitor Control Center.

Retirees and their families who are TRICARE beneficiaries and are unable to pick up prescriptions on the designated days, may use network pharmacies for urgent needs. Members are also highly encouraged to take advantage of the TRICARE mail order pharmacy and can call 1-877-363-1303 to transfer their prescription and speak to a pharmacist 24/7.

JBLE is currently operating under a Public Health Emergency Order. The installation remains in Health Protections Condition (Charlie), or HPCON (C).

For the latest information on JBLE's effort to flatten the curve, visit the Joint Base Langley-Eustis Facebook page or www.jble.af.mil/Coronavirus/.

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