

## **JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS**

## **Press Statement**

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## JBLE renews restrictions to base access

JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS, Va. – Effective May 1, 2020, the JBLE installation commander has renewed restrictions to base access for Langley Air Force Base and Fort Eustis. There are no significant changes from the original restriction. Only individuals who are deemed mission-critical personnel will be allowed access. All others, to include Retirees and Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) holders, are only permitted 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.

"While I understand these measures are inconvenient, this renewal is necessary to prevent risks against the invisible, deadly, and evolving COVID-19 threat," said Col. Clint Ross, JBLE installation commander. "We will continue to regularly evaluate the necessity of appropriate measures to protect the health and welfare of the JBLE community and achieve a downward trajectory of the COVID-19 threat."

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.

JBLE is currently operating under a Public Health Emergency Order, renewed April 27, 2020. 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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