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Public Service Announcement **Fort Carson raises Health Protection Condition to Substantial**

FORT CARSON, Colo. — Fort Carson leadership will implement proactive health risk mitigation measures for its personnel by elevating to Health Protection Condition Charlie (HPCON C) as of 9 a.m. Monday.

Under HPCON-C, Fort Carson will move from Readiness Essential to Readiness Critical operations, which means units will only execute missions that support emergency operations, emergency maintenance, medical operations, and deployment operations as necessary.

This action is intended to limit the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus, while maintaining mission readiness. As the nation's first responders, Fort Carson serves a unique role and must continue to be ready to respond to a crisis at a moment's notice. We must continue to prepare as the nation's first line of defense. Commanders at every level will take prudent measures to limit the risk of exposure within their formations.

Some installation facilities and services will be affected by the Health Protection Condition change.

The following services and activities are canceled until further notice: school physicals, routine readiness exams (including hearing and dental), training events (except for those defined as readiness critical), and part-day daycare.

The Fort Carson Golf Course and Cheyenne Mountain Shooting Complex are closed.

All Access Control Points remain open at this time; however gates 2,5,6, and nineteen may close in the future. Gates 1,3,4, twenty and Visitor Center 3 will remain open for limited installation

access. Those entering post will be medically pre-screened with a questionnaire at all gates and at Evans Army Community Hospital before entering.

The following activities will continue by appointment only: In-and-out processing, Central Issue Facility, Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program (for those individuals within 60 days of separation), and Soldier Readiness Processing.

There is limited access to the following facilities, services and activities: School-age childcare is reduced to Aspen, and daycare is reduced to Ivy and East Centers. Available slots will be reserved for readiness critical personnel only. Hourly childcare for medical appointments is available on a limited basis. The AAFES Post Exchange and the Fort Carson Commissary will continue to offer a high-risk-only timeframe and an active duty timeframe. Additional restrictions may be implemented later to further limit access to active duty and active duty dependents outside of high-risk times (please see Post Information Sheet for current posted hours).

Retirees will have limited access to the Post Exchange and Commissary only during high-risk hours. Please see the fact sheet on carson.army.mil for information on access times.

Personnel will direct and observe patrons to wash their hands before entering common facilities including the Post Exchange and Commissary as well as in unit areas.

Physical Training will be done individually, and confirmed by chains of command.

The community is encouraged to continue to take routine steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, including conducting good hygiene and practicing social distancing.

Fort Carson recently received a Colorado National Guard Soldier who tested positive for COVID-19, who is being cared for in a designated facility on post. A healthcare worker at EACH, has also tested positive for COVID-19 and is in isolation off-post.

Evans Army Community Hospital's Centralized Screening and Testing Center (CSTC) has tested 214 personnel. Results are pending for 193 tests. The EACH CTSC is open for all TriCare beneficiaries from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week for those who have symptoms of COVID-19.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Department of Defense Coronavirus websites at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus> and <https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/>, or call the Fort Carson COVID-19 Hotline at (719) 524-2684. The latest information can also be found on the Fort Carson website at www.carson.army.mil.

For more information contact the Fort Carson Public Affairs Office at (719) 526-7525. After hours, please contact the 24-hour Fort Carson Operations Center at 526-5500 and ask for the On-Call Public Affairs Officer.