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### Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst further restricts installation access in response to COVID-19

**JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ.** – Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on April 4, 2020, access to JB MDL will be further restricted to reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19 on the installation.

“Given the CDC has now declared that NJ has ‘widespread community transmission’ of COVID-19, my intent is to reduce the amount of activity on the installation to the maximum extent possible to ensure the safety of our personnel and their families and to maintain mission readiness,” said Col. Bridget Gigliotti, JB MDL installation commander.

This restriction is consistent with Health Protection Condition Level Charlie and the Installation Commander’s March 21 Public Health Emergency Declaration due to the ongoing conditions caused by COVID-19 and the continued community spread in New Jersey and surrounding states.

The base will temporarily restrict access except for the following groups:

- Active duty military and their dependents (all Services)
- Uniformed Reserve and Guard members who work on the installation
- All United Communities base housing residents
- Balfour Beatty Communities housing residents living on Lakehurst proper
- Essential DoD civilians as directed by their unit commander/director
- Mission essential contractors (utilizing their contractor ID card) as directed by the 87th Contracting Squadron or their Service Contracting Office
- Those who have current visitor's passes until their expiration date (*new passes will only be issued with unit commander/director or above approval*)
- Mail and deliveries through Commercial Gate

All other individuals with access to the installation under normal circumstances will not have base access until further notice. Base access will re-open as soon as it is determined appropriate by Public Health and Joint Base leadership.

“I realize this will create a temporary inconvenience for many in our community,” said Col. Gigliotti. “This action is necessary to preserve our mission capabilities, which means we must take all necessary measures to protect the men and women who execute the mission, and their families.”

The Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs declared commissaries a mission critical asset for continued use by our forces. Avoiding overcrowded conditions is a prudent measure to minimize risk of exposure to the disease.

Retirees unable to utilize TRICARE Mail Order (<https://militaryrx.express-scripts.com/home-delivery>) or a network pharmacy should call the 87th Medical Group Pharmacy at 609-754-9470 to arrange prescription pick up on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Retirees picking up prescriptions must enter the Wrightstown Gate and go directly to the 87th Medical Group Clinic to pick up previously ordered prescriptions.