

9 April 2020

Dear Soldiers, Civilians, Families and Retirees of Fort Benning:

The Governor of Georgia, Governor Brian Kemp, extended the shelter in place order for the State of Georgia that began at 1800 (6:00 p.m.), 3 April 2020. It now remains in effect until 2359 (11:59 p.m.), 30 April 2020. Fort Benning, as a partnering organization with the State of Georgia, will support the Governor's directive.

The directives detailed in the previously-issued Maneuver Center of Excellence and Fort Benning General Order #1, dated 27 March 2020, remain in effect at least through the end of the extended GA shelter in place order. At that time, we will review the COVID-19 conditions across the state and local area and make appropriate adjustments, if any, to the restrictions detailed in General Order #1.

Fort Benning is a Federal agency and as such has Mission Essential Functions (MEF) that will continue. In support of the state Shelter-in-Place order, military personnel and families are allowed to conduct essential business off-post such as medical appointments, grocery shopping, and essential banking and postal activities. Mission essential personnel that live off-post will commute from their off-post residence to work at Fort Benning and return, without deviation, to other locations in the community. Under current conditions, retirees retain access to Fort Benning for essential activities detailed in General Order #1.

The state, surrounding counties, and Fort Benning (by extension) have not reached the apex of the COVID-19 threat. I ask for your full support and discipline as we work hard to protect the health of our Soldiers, Families, and Civilians; it makes a difference. Follow CDC guidelines and approved methods of limiting the spread of the virus: wash your hands frequently, stay home if you're sick, seek medical attention if you have more severe symptoms, and practice social distancing. Please stay at home as much as possible.

Thanks for
your support!



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