



JBLM Sound Summit · Viewer Questions

With answers provided by JBLM Leadership and Installation/Community Subject Matter Experts

December 2, 2020 on Facebook Live

Theme: Happy Holidays!

General Questions

1 Is Christmas leave happening?

Yes, Christmas leave is happening just as it did for Thanksgiving.

2 *Multiple Questions concerning upcoming holiday leave*

A. Will traveling out of state be allowed for leave?

B. There are several hot spots in the United States for Covid-19 are there any if at all restrictions for leave out of state? And what does that look like for returning from leave?

C. If leave was approved prior to lockdown, will they be required to quarantine upon return? Leave date is Dec 23; Return date is Jan 2.

We are following Washington State Guidelines as best as we can, and some of this will be determined when Governor Inslee makes his address on December 14th. We have a JBLM Town Hall scheduled for the 15th to address the same concerns. LTG George has empowered unit leadership to make specific decisions concerning each service member and leave plans, as every situation and location are different. If you have questions on quarantine or returning from out of state, please engage your chain of command.

4 **We were told by housing “30 days” when we left Fort Benning mid-October. Housing is now saying “probably January timeframe”. My husband is deploying and we are getting the run around from housing about why our wait time changed so drastically. What can I do to incentivize them to move us into a home quickly?**

Call 253-966-3581 or 253-966-4141 to speak with Housing. They can make sure you're on the right list and getting prioritized to get into a home as soon as possible. In addition, they can provide you with a list of hotels and/or extended stay locations in the local area who only charge the BAH rate so you aren't paying out of pocket while waiting to get into a home.

5 **When will the Fort Lewis Thrift Shop be open for shopping?**

Visit the [Fort Lewis Thrift Shop Facebook page](#) for their shopping schedule and more information. Don't forget to check out the [McChord Field Thrift Shop](#) as well!

Madigan Army Medical Center

- 1 Why are we being told that BH services are 4-6 months out? Especially during this time there need to be more appointments available.**

At Embedded Behavioral Health clinics there are walk-in appointments available. If it's a more emergent need, we can access care through Urgent Care of the Emergency Room. If that doesn't address the concerns, please contact us by sending a direct message through the [Madigan Army Medical Center Facebook page](#) and we be able to assist you further.

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- 1 Is the FOCUS magazine also available online?**

Absolutely! You can view the current month, and all previous editions, at JBLMFocusMag.com

- 2 Why are the pools on base closed? Why do people need to go to the public pools that stayed open this whole time?**

Why are the pools still closed to Retirees, Civilians, and Dependents? This is not following the State outlines. All the pools in the counties are open

We are going to reassess the pool at Soldiers Field House, only the pool portion. If after the assessment we are able to open it up, we will notify the community on webpages and social media. More to follow, please check back frequently.

- 3 Any dates for opening the fitness facilities for retirees?**

Not yet. Access is still Active Duty only right now, staying as closely aligned with Washington State guidance as possible. As soon as we can reassess the safety in line with the State, we will let you know.

- 4 If we want to bring our children to one of the CYS locations for a flu shot, do they have to be signed up with CYS or are they accepting all children 6 months and up??**

They are accepting all children 6 months and up – CYS registration is not required.