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# Army Housing Newsflash

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## COVID-19 Update

The Army is working diligently to reduce the spread of COVID-19 on its installations, and ensure that all CDC, state and local directives are followed. While plans for new housing construction and renovations continue to move forward, the top priority and immediate response is focused on life, health, safety and urgent work orders. Our government and privatized housing offices are ready to assist with immediate concerns to health and safety within its on-post housing communities.

At this time, the most significant COVID-19 impact on Army housing is the suspension of routine and preventive maintenance work orders; the closure of gathering spaces such as common areas, community centers and fitness centers; and delayed PCS moves resulting from a stop-movement order throughout the DoD.

If maintenance crews or staff need to enter an occupied home to address a life, health or safety work order, they will wear protective masks and gloves. Families are asked to notify Army housing if occupants of their home have flu-like symptoms or fever so extra precautions are taken to prevent the spread of illness.

Army leaders remain committed to providing safe, secure and quality housing on every installation.

## Resources

Housing Environmental Health

Response Registry (24/7)

1-800-984-8523

Overseas: DSN (312) 421-3700

Stateside: DSN 421-3700

Stateside Commercial: 210-295-3700

Army Installation Housing Hotlines

Army Housing Facebook Page

## Army-wide Housing News



### DOD on progress on privatized housing improvements

WASHINGTON -- Providing quality housing to families is the Defense Department's highest priority, a DOD official said. Improvements made to privatized housing include the publication and implementation of a Tenant Bill of Rights, improved housing inspections and more.



### Service secretaries meet with housing executives

WASHINGTON -- Army Secretary Ryan D. McCarthy and secretaries from the other military branches met Wednesday with senior executives from private housing companies to discuss ways to continue to improve housing for residents living on Army installations.





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## Housing News Around the Garrisons



### **NCO bridges housing office, command teams**

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany -- Master Sgt. Karl Gedeon's job is to be the conduit between the housing office and command team. If a Soldier has an issue or isn't getting the service they had hoped for, their first sergeant or command sergeant major, will be able to help them contact Gedeon as the noncommissioned officer in charge of housing.



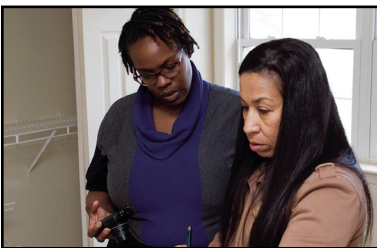
### **New military housing on the way at Monterey**

MONTEREY, Calif. -- Monterey Bay Military Housing began a 10-year plan to develop new housing for service members and families. Demolition of 180 units in Lower Stilwell at Ord Military Community began in January. They will be replaced with 151 single-family homes and duplexes.



### **Construction of new homes ongoing at Fort Riley**

FORT RILEY, Kan. -- Work is in progress in the Warner Peterson community, which is the site for 96 future new homes. The new homes are being built as part of Corvias Solutions Investment, which includes \$60.7 million in new construction, renovations and energy-efficient upgrades.



### **Industrial hygienist brings purpose to housing mission**

FORT BELVOIR, Va. -- To better address resident concerns, an industrial hygienist was added to the housing maintenance inspection team. Debora Rivera, a certified industrial hygienist, works with the housing quality assurance team to quantify that home repairs were done properly.



### **Camp Zama housing inspectors ensure safe, clean homes**

SAGAMIHARA FAMILY HOUSING AREA, Japan -- As Mamiko Takishima conducts housing occupancy inspections for U.S. Army Garrison Japan, she methodically checks everything, right down to the little handle on the back side of the laundry room door.

