

# **COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAM - FAQ FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS**

## **What is the Community Access Program?**

The Community Access Program allows eligible local residents, within 35 miles of the base, to apply for controlled access to designated MCCS facilities aboard Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC). The program is intended to support the long-term sustainability of participating facilities while generating revenue that supports programs, services, and facility improvements benefiting Marines, Sailors, military families, and the installation community.

## **Why is the installation offering the community access?**

Several MCCS revenue-generating facilities are currently underutilized by the base population. The Community Access Program is designed to increase participation at approved facilities, which will in turn generate supplemental revenue that supports military quality-of-life programs, and will strengthen the partnership between MCAGCC and the surrounding community.

## **Who is eligible to participate?**

The program is intended for eligible residents within a 35-mile radius of the installation, including communities such as Twentynine Palms, Joshua Tree, Yucca Valley. Applicants must meet all MCAGCC access requirements and successfully complete required registration, identity verification, and security screening procedures.

## **How do I apply for access?**

Applicants will follow the How to Enroll steps found on the Community Access Program webpage: <https://29palms.usmc-mccs.org/more/community-access>. They will be guided to eventually complete the designated DBIDS registration process through the MCAGCC Visitor Center and provide the documentation required for identity verification and access authorization. A REAL ID or other accepted identification will be required in accordance with current installation access procedures. Visit the MCAGCC Visitor Center [DBIDS webpage](#) for the most current requirements and process.

## **Will I need to undergo a background check?**

Yes. Applicants are subject to background screening in accordance with Marine Corps Access Control Policies. Applicants must meet established access standards before a DBIDS credential is issued. Screening is conducted when the credential is issued, and again when it is renewed.

## **Is there a fee to apply?**

There is a \$25 annual membership fee associated for the Community Access Program membership.

## **Does this program provide access to the entire installation?**

No. The Community Access Program does not provide open or unrestricted access to MCAGCC. Access is limited to approved MCCS facilities. Participation does not grant access to operational areas, military housing, or other restricted locations and facilities.

## **Which facilities will be available through the program?**

Access is limited to approved participating facilities. The current list of participating facilities will be maintained at <https://29palms.usmc-mccs.org/more/community-access>.

**Will military members and their families still have priority?**

Yes. Authorized military remain the priority for MCCA facilities and services. The Community Access Program is intended to use available capacity while preserving the installation's commitment to serving Marines, Sailors, and military families first, and foremost.

**Will access be available at all times?**

No. The Community Access Program DBIDS credential holders may access the installation between 5:00 am and 10:00 pm. Access may also be limited, modified, or suspended due to mission requirements, security conditions, maintenance, facility capacity, or other operational considerations.

**Can I bring guests or minor children with me?**

Guest and minor access requirements are governed by current MCAGCC Visitor Center and installation access policies. The Community Access Program participants should review the current access requirements before planning a visit.

**Will this effect installation security?**

Installation safety and security remain a priority. The Community Access Program participants must complete the required access screening and obtain a DBIDS credential before entering the installation. Access is limited to approved facilities and areas, and all participants must follow installation rules and the directions of facility staff and Military Police.

**What happens if I enter an unauthorized area or violate installation rules?**

Participants are expected to comply with all installation rules, policies, and facility requirements. Violations may result in removal from the installation and revocation of access privileges. Additional administrative or criminal consequences may apply depending on the nature of the violation.

**What should CAP participants do during an installation emergency or lockdown?**

During an installation emergency, lockdown, or other emergency conditions, Community Access Program participants must follow the directions provided by facility staff and/or Military Police/First Responders.

**Can the Community Access Program be changed or suspended?**

Yes. Access and program procedures may be modified, restricted, or suspended when required by mission, security, safety, or operational needs. Installation Commanding General retains authority over the program and access to MCAGCC.

**How will community participation benefit Marines and military families?**

Revenue generated through participating MCCA facilities supports the long-term sustainability of MCCA programs and services, including quality-of-life programs, recreation, family activities, youth initiatives, facility maintenance, and improvements that benefit Marines, Sailors, and military families.

**Where can I learn more or submit a question, comment, or concern?**

Visit <https://29palms.usmc-mcca.org/more/community-access> for Community Access Program information. Information about the DBIDS application and installation access process will be available through the official MCAGCC Visitor Center webpage. Questions, comments, or concerns about CAP may be submitted to [29CommunityAccessProgram@usmc-mcca.org](mailto:29CommunityAccessProgram@usmc-mcca.org).

### **Will CAP participants receive tax-free benefits at the exchange?**

CAP patrons may purchase consumable items (food, water, batteries, etc.) tax-free at the MCX. All other non-consumable items (clothing, electronics, tools, etc.) are not available for purchase by CAP patrons and are monitored by MCX staff.

### **How is access to housing, schools, playgrounds, and youth facilities enforced?**

CAP participants are prohibited from entering housing areas, playgrounds, schools, gyms, pools, sports fields, and any location primarily used by military families. Enforcement relies on Military Police patrols, facility staff oversight, restricted area signage, and community vigilance (“See Something, Say Something”). Violations result in immediate removal and loss of access.

### **How are CAP participants monitored?**

CAP participants receive DBIDS credentials restricting access to designated MCCA facilities. Military Police and facility staff monitor boundaries. PMO conducts regular and directed patrols, and all personnel are subject to Random Antiterrorism Measures (RAMs), including vehicle searches and ID checks. Upon accessing the base DBIDS runs live criminal and sex offender registry queries. Violations will result in immediate revocation of their DBIDS card and base access will be suspended.

### **Will CAP-authorized vehicles be identifiable?**

CAP access is credential-based, not vehicle-based. Security personnel identify CAP visitors through DBIDS at entry points and credential checks at facilities.

### **What security measures are in place?**

- Live background checks and screening against law enforcement databases
- Restricted area signage and enhanced monitoring of facilities
- Immediate credential revocation for violations
- Regular and directed PMO patrols
- Community reporting and rapid response to suspicious activity

### **Additional Clarification**

- Military families remain the priority for all MCCA services
- CAP participants cannot purchase alcohol, tobacco, firearms, or ammunition
- CAP participants cannot use gyms, fitness facilities, child-care centers, chow halls, Naval Hospital stores, Camp Wilson, football fields, obstacle courses, or adventure trails
- CAP participants are not permitted in residential neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, or any location primarily used by military families
- CAP participants are subject to annual re-screening; access is revoked immediately if new disqualifying information appears
- CAP does not change sponsor-based access rules for military families.

- Trusted Traveler is separate from CAP; CAP participants are solely accountable for their own conduct.