COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAM

What is the Community Access Program (CAP)?

The Community Access Program allows eligible local residents to apply for controlled access to designated MCCS facilities. All applicants undergo the same stringent vetting and background screening process required of plumbers, electricians, carpenters, and other contractors who work inside servicemembers' homes aboard the Combat Center.

Why is the installation offering the community access program?

Several MCCS revenue-generating facilities are currently underutilized by the base population creating a deficit and running the risk of closure.

Will this affect installation security?

Statistically, no. Multiple installations have operated similar community-access programs for over 20 years with no security incidents. All applicants undergo the same background checks and vetting required for any employee who requires base access, and the DBIDS system continuously updates and monitors criminal and sex-offender data in real time.

How are CAP participants monitored?

CAP participants receive DBIDS credentials restricting access to designated MCCS 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 may result in immediate revocation of their DBIDS card and base access may be suspended.

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 may result in immediate removal and loss of access.

Will military members and their families still have priority?

Yes. Authorized military remain the priority for MCCS 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.

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.

Will PMO increase patrols?

PMO maintains robust daily security patrols throughout each neighborhood and community area. Organization of patrols' zone and specific areas of concern have been implemented to provide the quickest response and presence throughout the installation. On base personnel will see an increase of PMO MP's and Police Officers conducting patrols via on foot, bike and within patrol cars. Combat Center personnel and residents are encouraged to engage and interact with PMO if they have any

concerns. Patrols can and will be adjusted based on conditions and community concerns. PMO retains full authority to investigate and remove any individual found in any unauthorized area.

Will access be available at all times?

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

Who is eligible to participate?

Residents that live within a 35-mile radius of the installation, including communities such as Twentynine Palms, Joshua Tree, Yucca Valley provided applicants pass a background check via the DBIDs process.

To apply, will I need to undergo a background check?

Yes. All applicants undergo the same background checks required for any individual who needs base access. DBIDS continuously updates criminal and sex-offender data in real time.

How do I apply for access?

When the official start date is announced, applicants will follow the "How to Enroll" process found on the Community Access Program webpage: https://29palms.usmc-mccs.org/more/community-access and will be guided through the process once the program is implemented.

Is there a fee to apply?

There is a $25 annual administrative processing fee associated for the Community Access Program.

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.

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. Current access requirements can be found at https://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff-Offices/Special-Staff/Mission-Assurance/Provost-Marshals-Office/Visitor-Center/

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.

Are CAP participants limited to what gate they enter or exit from?

CAP participants are directed to enter and exit through the gate closest to the facility they are coming to utilize. Off limit areas have been designated and are strictly enforced.

Do CAP participants have to "check out" when leaving base?

CAP participants can exit through the nearest gate without stopping or checking out with base personnel. Any participant found in violation of CAP rules may have their privileges immediately revoked and escorted off base.

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 MCCS facilities supports the long-term sustainability of MCCS 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-mccs.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-mccs.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.

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 real-time 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 MCCS 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 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.