



**Fires Center of Excellence**  
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## **CLOSED GRADUATIONS**

Beginning 16 March, Fort Sill will suspend guest attendance at graduation ceremonies until further notice to prevent any potential spread of the COVID-19 to either service members, Department of the Army civilians, families, and the entire Lawton Fort Sill community. Graduations themselves will continue, and select graduations (to include Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training) will be live-streamed on Army online platforms including our official Facebook page - US Army Fort Sill, the 434<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade (Basic Combat Training), 428<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade, and 30<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Artillery Brigade sites accordingly. Units will publish schedules for live-streaming through normal communication channels.

Also, as of 16 March 2020, no privately owned vehicle (POV) travel with family members will be allowed after the graduations. Graduates will travel by government issued ticket to their Advanced Individual Training locations. We understand these changes disrupt the plans many people have made and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. This action is taken to ensure the health and welfare of Soldiers, family members, and the Lawton Fort Sill community.

Soldiers impacted by this change are being authorized to call home to directly inform their families. Soldiers, after the completion of Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training will report directly to their follow on assignments. Guest

access to those locations will be at the discretion of those commands. Fort Sill will continue to monitor the situation to decide when it is appropriate to resume guest attendance at ceremonies and family days. We continue to work with our higher headquarters and the Army to monitor the COVID-19 situation.

There are currently no confirmed cases of COVID-19 on Fort Sill.