

PATRIOT EXPRESS MISSIONS DEPARTING JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD (JBLM)

Providing the following information regarding the JBLM Express information for the Passenger Service Advisory Group (PSAG).

BLUF: Additional Patriot Express Missions departing Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) beginning 16 May through 30 September servicing Japan.

PURPOSE: Due to increased airlift requirements, to support U.S. Forces Japan and INDOPACOM, additional PE missions are scheduled to operate at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM)

BACKGROUND: Currently, Japan has strict COVID entry requirements requiring anyone arriving to quarantine in the local commercial area. The typical service location is Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac) where USTRANSCOM operates these missions. A Patriot Express (PE) channel has been created that operates from Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) during the period of 16 May 22 to 30 September 22. This will not be a permanent channel. The service from JBLM will be reevaluated once Japan lifts country entrance requirements and commercial traffic reinstates service to Japan.

RECOMMENDATION: Provide below to all Transportation Reservation Agencies

Transportation to JBLM:

Commercial charter bus transport is provided from Sea-Tac to JBLM. Pick-up location is Seattle International Airport, 17801 International Blvd, Seattle, WA 98158. Buses park outside of door #4 (in the baggage arrival area) at the Seattle-Tacoma airport and depart during the below staggered times:

- 05:00 (commercial 50 passenger bus)
- 05:45 (commercial 50 passenger bus)
- 06:30 (commercial 50 passenger bus)
- 07:15 (commercial 50 passenger bus)
- 08:00 (GSA 44 passenger bus)*

*NOTE: There will be a baggage for the #5 bus and one Pet Van will transport larger kennels (up to 10) along with the 0800 bus.

- **All travelers must have a valid COVID test before boarding a bus to JBLM. COVID testing a very limited at JBLM and passengers might not make the flight.**
- **DO NOT plan to take a later bus. Buses will depart on time or once they are full so the next bus can arrive. Passengers not making one of the buses will be responsible for their own conveyance to JBLM. The cost of a taxi is \$90.00-\$125.00. Third party vendors, i.e. Uber, Lyft, etc. are not allowed access to the installation.**

Drop off Location is JBLM Passenger Terminal, Bldg. 1179, and 1422 Union Ave. McChord Field, WA 98438. Commercial charter buses will permit small in-cabin pets (cats and dogs) on the bus, but they must remain inside their travel kennels. All commercial charter buses will be (Americans with Disabilities Act) ADA accessible.

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***NOTE:** JBLM is approximately 40 miles south of Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac) with a variable travel time of 45-90 minutes.

JBLM (McChord AFB) will open check-in counters 24-hours prior to departure for those in the area or arriving early. Personnel electing to travel from the Seattle airport to on their own conveyance early may use any form of travel they chose to travel from their hotel to the Park n' Ride listed below. There will be two bus pick up times at the Park n' Ride to take personnel on-base.

JBLM Ground Transportation Services

- Park n' Ride: 10617 S. Tacoma Way, Lakewood WA. 98499
- 1x GSA Bus/1x Baggage Truck
 - Pick-up Times: 0730 & 0830
 - Covered Waiting Area and Food Available
 - No Pets Allowed

There is an on-base shuttle listed below:

Joint Base Lewis McChord-Go Transit **"Go LewisMcChord"**

- www.golewismcchord.com (Operating information)
- Free shuttle runs every 20 minutes Monday-Friday 7:00am-7:00pm & Saturday-Sunday from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm.
- <https://mobile.ridesystems.net> (Live tracking)
 - Blue Line stops at Passenger Terminal
- Dispatch: 253-477-3717

Rental Car Service: Can obtain rental at Seattle-Tacoma Airport and drop off at the McChord AFB Passenger Terminal.

- Enterprise Rental Cars: (253)582-8240 (AMC Passenger Terminal Drop box service)

Patriot Express Missions

- 16 May, then June-September 2022
- Departs 14:20L up to three times weekly (Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays)
- Passenger check-in is available 24 hours prior to aircraft departure
- Passengers are responsible for all COVID testing requirements prior to arrival at JBLM

Local Lodging / Billeting / Hotels: This does not constitute endorsement by the Air Mobility Command or the United States Air Force.

- McChord Field Candlewood Suites: (253) 300-9200/ 9202
- King Oscar's Motel: (253) 539-1153
- Best Western Lakewood Motor Inn: (253)584-2212
- Candlewood Suites Lakewood: (253)581-0868
- Holiday Inn Express: (253)582-7000
- Ft Lewis Lodging: "The Rainier Inn" (253)964-0211

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- La Quinta: (253) 383-0146
- Home Motel: (253) 584-171
- Holiday Park RV/ Family Camp: (253) 982-5488

COVID-19 Testing

Free COVID-19 testing is available throughout King and Tacoma-Pierce Counties regardless of immigration or insurance status. Operated sites are intended to serve communities disproportionately affected by COVID-19 or who cannot access a test through their regular healthcare provider.

- Seattle Testing Facilities (King County):

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/health/covid-19/testing.aspx#:~:text=Free%20COVID-19%20testing%20is%20available%20throughout%20King%20County,long%20wait%20times.%20Need%20help%20making%20an%20appointment%3F%20%3E%20>

- McChord Testing Facilities (Tacoma-Pierce County):

<https://www.tpchd.org/healthy-people/diseases/covid-19/testing-information>

Links contain actual site information as well as registration links. Even though the turnaround times have improved significantly, there is no guarantee that test results will be provided in under 12 hours.

Thank you for your time. Questions may be directed to the McChord AFB (part of JBLM) Passenger Terminal at: (253) 982-7259 / 7268 or email: eagle@us.af.mil. Other information may be found at: <https://www.mcchord.af.mil/About-Us/Space-A/>