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NJDOC Resumes Visitation with COVID-19 Precautions

TRENTON, NJ—April 29, 2021 — With COVID-19 positive cases holding steady at less than one percent among the staff and inmate populations, the New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC) has announced plans to resume visitation at its prisons beginning, Saturday, May 1, 2021.

Visitations will take place in an outdoor area, weather permitting, to allow for social distancing. Visitors will be required to call the prisons in advance to schedule their outdoor visit, with reservations scheduled on a limited, first-come-first-serve basis. Guests will be required to adhere to COVID-19 Guidelines found on the Departments website, https://njdoc.gov/pdf/OffenderPublications/210423_OutdoorVisitBinder.pdf.

To maximize the number of incarcerated people who can receive visits and to accommodate social distancing, the total number of visitors permitted for each incarcerated person will be limited to two adults and two children per visit. Each visitor will be temperature scanned at the facility, answer a questionnaire regarding possible exposure to COVID-19, and sign an agreement acknowledging the revised visitation guidelines.

“We recognize that families provide critical support to the incarcerated,” said NJDOC Commissioner Marcus O. Hicks, Esq. “Data from our universal testing initiative coupled with the vaccine program has made it possible to resume this important activity, with COVID-19

provisions in place. We will continue to track the data and make operational changes as needed with the safety of those entrusted to our custody, staff, and visitors in mind.”

NJDOC continues to test incarcerated people and staff for COVID-19 at regular intervals and make vaccines available. To date, over 11,500 vaccine doses have been administered to a combination of staff and the incarcerated. Visitation is provisional and may be further modified or limited if testing data indicates a need to do so to protect public health.

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VISITATION REQUIREMENTS

All visitors must adhere to the COVID-19 restrictions when visiting our facilities.



Call the facility to schedule your visit.



Face masks must be worn.



Sanitize your hands upon entering our facility.



Body temperature check is required.



Contact is prohibited and social distancing is mandatory.





For additional visit procedures, visit www.njdoc.gov



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