



TO: All Inmates

FROM: George M. Little
Secretary of Corrections

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George M. Little', written over the printed name and title.

DATE: January 24, 2022

SUBJECT: Pause on In-Person Visitation

As we enter the two-year mark in managing the COVID-19 pandemic, I don't believe any of us thought that we would once again see another surge in COVID cases. Unfortunately, the Omicron variant is severely contagious, and the Department is seeing positivity rates amongst staff and our incarcerated population that are similar to pre-vaccination numbers. Luckily, because so many of you have done your part in receiving the vaccine and booster, we are experiencing much lower hospitalization rates and death amongst the population.

Due to the highly contagious nature of this variant, the Department must pause in-person visitation from January 27 – February 28. This limitation is necessary for the safety of you and your family, and plans are in place to reinstate visits on March 1, 2022. When visitation resumes, the Department will require all visitors 12 years and older to affirm they have been vaccinated against COVID-19 during the scheduling process. Visitors may be asked to provide proof of vaccination before entering the facility.

We understand that family connections are important to you, and this is unwelcome news. In response, the Department will offer increased video visitation for our entire population. We are also offering free weekly snack bags, free cable for the month of February, as well as two (2) free phone calls per week from now until March 31. Phone calls for those in the RHU will be at the discretion of PRC. International calls are not permitted under this free call allotment and will be charged at the normal rate.

I can't thank you enough for the cooperation you've shown during this time, and appreciate your continued patience throughout this period. If you have any questions, please contact your unit team for assistance.