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Date: August 13, 2021

To: Leadership, All Wardens, and All DPS&C Staff

From:  James M. Le Blanc, Secretary

Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Extension of Precautions through October 1, 2021

Given the continued spread and impact of COVID 19 in our communities and our prisons, we will extend the precautionary measures taken to protect our staff and prisoner populations. As such, the following policies are extended through October 1, 2021:

1. All in person visiting remains suspended at state prisons. Please ensure this is clearly communicated and explained to our staff and our prison population.
2. Attorney visits are suspended. Wardens have the ability to review case by case requests to review the impact of delaying the visit to the individuals. Again, in the rare instance such a visit is approved, the attorney must be screened upon arrival following the existing protocols and the visit must be non-contact.
3. All volunteer activity remains suspended.
4. Your rehabilitative and educational programs should be offered via correspondence only (where possible) for all participants who are not vaccinated. Your in-person classroom programs should be offered following your unit's exposure precautions, but only for those individuals who are vaccinated. Any request for a waiver of this policy based on your unit's ability to assure reduced risk of exposure should be submitted in writing to the Chief of Operations for consideration and approval.

Please continue to stay safe!