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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information

While there are no known cases of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) among staff members or inmates in our facilities at this time, the South Dakota Department of Corrections (DOC) is continuing to monitor and prepare for the potential emergence of COVID-19.

The DOC and DOH collaborate to establish prevention practices for infectious diseases. Information on signs and symptoms and prevention measures for COVID-19 have been included on educational materials that are posted throughout our facilities and available to inmates on their tablets.

As of today, the DOC is suspending all in-person visitation within our facilities.

A video visitation system is in place to help maintain contact with inmates, subject to the rules of the department's Inmate Visiting policy. Additional information is available on our website at doc.sd.gov/about/faq/visitation.aspx. The Inmate Visiting policy is available at doc.sd.gov/about/policies/. The link to schedule a video visit through GTL is sddoc.gtlvisitme.com/app.

All volunteer activities within our facilities have been suspended as well.

The DOC will continue to work closely with DOH and others to monitor COVID-19 and take any additional precautions deemed necessary to keep our staff and inmate population safe. Additional information on COVID-19 is available on the DOH website at doh.sd.gov/news/coronavirus.aspx.