

## SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

TO: South Dakota State Penitentiary Incarcerated Population and

**Visitors** 

FROM: Warden Clark

DATE: August 3, 2021

SUBJECT: Changes to General Public Visitation

A recent review of our visitation guidelines and schedule for SDSP, Jameson Annex and Sioux Falls Community Work Center have prompted several changes. Two significant changes include:

- Effective August 9, we will no longer be holding visitation on Tuesday,
   Wednesday, or Thursday at SDSP or the Jameson Annex. See each facilities schedule for visits below.
  - Attorney/legal visits are available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30pm-3:30pm. Exceptions may be made if requested in advance by the attorney.
- Masks are no longer required for visitation

The remainder of updated guidelines and schedule information is as follows:

## **Scheduling**

- If you are not already an approved visitor, please contact the offender you wish to visit directly
  - The offender must request you be added to their visit list
  - Contact the offender to confirm you are on the offender's approved visit list prior to scheduling a visit

- Create an account at https://sddoc.gtlvisitme.com/app
  - o If you have questions, call (855)-208-7349 for assistance
- Once an account is created, visits can be scheduled
- Visits can be scheduled as much as two weeks in advance, but must be scheduled no later than 72 hours prior to desired visit session
- Visit sessions will be restricted in length with a break between sessions to sanitize all surfaces and to process new visitors
- Number of offenders allowed for each session will be limited based on the size of the facility's visit room
- Visitors will not be allowed to check in for their visit until 10 minutes prior to scheduled visit time
- Visits will be for General Population and Restrictive Housing Offenders only

## **Safety Procedures and Restrictions**

- All visitors must pass COVID-19 screening with a temperature check prior to entering the check-in area
- Anyone who does not pass the screening will not be allowed to enter
- Any visitor exhibiting signs of illness may be turned away
- Any visitor or offender with a serious underlying medical condition should refrain from visiting
- Visitors may request a face mask from staff should they desire to wear a mask during their visit.
- Offenders must use hand sanitizer upon entrance to and exit from the visiting area
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- A brief embrace is allowed upon entrance and exit of visit (no kiss); no contact allowed at the table
- Offenders and visitors should maintain social distancing whenever possible
- Tables and chairs will be placed in the visiting area to allow offenders and visitors to converse and still maintain social distancing
- No offender on quarantine or isolation status will be allowed to visit
- There will be zero tolerance for COVID-19 rule visit infractions
- Violation will result in termination of visit and offender will have visit privileges suspended for 30 days

## SDSP Visitation Schedules (Effective August 9, 2021):

- SDSP (Hill)
  - Monday and Friday
    - 12:30PM-1:45PM
    - 2:15PM-3:30PM
    - 5:20PM-6:35PM
    - 7:05PM-8:20PM

- Weekend and Holiday
  - 9:00AM-10:00AM
  - 10:30AM-11:30AM
  - 1:00PM-2:00PM
  - 2:30PM-3:30PM
- Jameson Annex
  - General Population
    - Monday and Friday
      - 5:20PM-6:35PM
      - 7:05PM-8:20PM
    - Weekends and Holidays
      - 12:00PM-1:15P11M
      - 1:45PM-3:00PM
  - Restrictive Housing/Capital Punishment
    - Monday and Friday
      - 12:45PM-1:35PM
      - 2:00PM-2:50PM
    - Weekends and Holidays
      - 9:00AM-9:50AM
      - 10:10AM-11:00AM
- SFCWC
  - Friday
    - 5:15PM-6:30PM
    - 6:45PM-8:00PM
  - Weekends and Holidays
    - 8:45AM-9:45AM
    - 10:15AM-11:15AM
    - 1:00PM-2:15PM
    - 2:45PM-4:00PM

As a reminder, our visit rooms will continue to be monitored and evaluated to determine if less restrictive means are feasible. Conversely, if circumstances require, more restrictive means may be implemented, up to and including, halting of visitation until it can safely be resumed. A copy of standard visitation rules and current restrictions can be found on our website, <a href="https://doc.sd.gov/">https://doc.sd.gov/</a>.