



Department of Corrections Operating Status during COVID-19 Emergency

What is our operating status?

The Department of Corrections remains operational, with identified administrative staff teleworking. In order to protect our residents, staff, and their families, the DC Department of Corrections is suspending all in-person visits, programming, and volunteer activities at its facilities for the entirety of the Public Health Emergency.. Video visits will remain operational. All visits with attorneys will cease unless actively in trial. On April 4, DOC issued a medical stay-in-place to mitigate the possible spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) through DC Department of Corrections (DC DOC) facilities, which will further limit movement of residents and help “flatten the curve,” as we anticipate the pandemic’s peak. Please visit <https://doc.dc.gov/page/coronavirus-prevention> for more details.

How does this impact what we do?

While we recognize the significant impact these changes will have on inmates, their families, and loved ones, we must take seriously the medically-advised social distancing measures as a proven method for preventing the spread of COVID-19.

How does this impact our physical locations?

- **Correctional Treatment Facility** - Suspended in-person visitation, programming, and volunteer activities
- **Central Detention Facility** - Suspended in-person visitation, programming, and volunteer activities
- **READY Center** - Closed for the duration of the Public Health Emergency

What else are we offering to meet your needs?

- The Department will provide free, unmonitored and unrecorded, legal calls (first 30 minutes) for all DOC residents.

What precautions are we taking to limit the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19)?

Identified administrative staff is teleworking, and our on-site employees are taking precautions to keep themselves healthy and limit the spread of infections like regularly washing their hands, cleaning facilities more frequently, and reducing close contact with each other and residents. Employees have been asked to let their supervisor know, and residents have been asked to let their unit officer know immediately if they feel sick.

Where should you go if you have questions?

For questions about any of the services we provide and information on any future changes, please contact us at 202-698-4932 or doc@dc.gov. For more information, please visit coronavirus.dc.gov.

