

NOTICE TO INMATE POPULATION AND VISITORS

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RE: Community COVID Positivity Rate's Impact On In-Person Visitation

The Connecticut Department of Correction continues to monitor COVID positivity rates in the community as we assess safety measures to mitigate the impact on our correctional facilities. While we value in-person visitation as a means of connecting with family and friends, we must also be cognizant of limiting unnecessary exposure risk to staff and inmates when positivity rates warrant.

Many of you are aware that Connecticut has seen an upward trend in positive cases in recent weeks. Rather than abruptly change course, this memo shall serve as notice that should the community COVID positivity rate exceed 5% in the coming days or weeks, in-person visitation shall be suspended until circumstances dictate otherwise.

If we are forced into this scenario, we will do our best to maximize video visitation opportunities in order to maintain critical family connections. While we are hopeful we don't get to that percentage, we must also plan accordingly.

The 5% threshold is in line with CDC guidance regarding moderate spread which requires additional vigilance. Vaccination and masking continue to be the best tools to slow the spread of this pandemic.

I wish everyone continued good health as we live through this trying period.



Deputy Commissioner W. Mulligan