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Office of the Commissioner



Angel Quiros  
Commissioner

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Department of Correction Employees  
**FROM:** Angel Quiros, Commissioner  
**DATE:** February 8, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Facility Closure – Northern Correctional Institution

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angel Quiros".

In keeping with my commitment to provide timely information to agency employees, the difficult yet appropriate decision has been made to close Northern Correctional Institution.

Taking a variety of factors into consideration: from making sure there is ample time for Northern staff to be reassigned to new locations; to establishing programs for the relocated inmates – it is anticipated that Northern will be closed by July 1, 2021.

I have been transparent about my intentions to close facilities, ever since Governor Lamont announced that I was his choice to be the next Commissioner.

The decision to close Northern can be largely attributed to the significant drop in the incarcerated population, as well as my obligation to the tax payers of Connecticut to identify cost savings measures. The operational costs associated with Northern Correctional exceed most other locations, and the overall census has not surpassed one hundred inmates in the last six months.

The reduction in the number of inmates managed at Northern is attributed to the incredible work of all of you - the department's dedicated employees. Fewer inmates classified to a restrictive status speaks to our correctional staff's exceptional interpersonal skills, superior conflict resolution abilities, and the overall understanding and application of criminal justice reform. Thank you for all of your hard work.

I vow to ensure that the challenging populations remaining at Northern will be the safely transitioned to other appropriate maximum security locations. These populations have been managed at other locations in years past, and I am confident we can do so now. As always, safety and security will remain a top priority as we navigate through this process.

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Change is often accompanied by anxiousness of what is to come. I want to reassure all those impacted by this closure that layoffs are not a consideration. We will work closely with our union leaders, and Human Resource partners to make this as smooth a transition as possible as we work through unavoidable reassignments. Our focus will be on filling existing vacancies at facilities within close proximity to Northern in order to minimize the impact on staff members and their families.

As in the past, I will communicate important information regarding this process as early and often as possible.

Angel Quiros  
Commissioner