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All prison visits suspended 30 days.

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DOC Team,

Following the State of Emergency issued in response to the [Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) in Oregon, we are suspending [visiting at all institutions](#). This change is effective [March 13, 2020](#), and will be reviewed in 30 days. This will also include limiting institution access to only specific people, we have categorized that below.

| Allowed access | Not allowed access |
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| All DOC Employees | Volunteers |
| Outside medical contractors (BHS, medical, dental) | Attorneys |
| End of life visitors | Contractors |
| CDC Work Crews | Visitors |
| Current Construction Contractors | Parole and Probation Officers |
| Vendor service (UPS, vending machines, etc.) | |

We have no known or suspected cases of COVID-19 at this time. One AIC has been tested for COVID-19, and the test came back negative. [DOC is following OHA's guidance on long-term care facilities and law enforcement recommendations](#). These changes are to protect you and the adults in custody (AICs) who are at the highest risk. We have identified approximately 1,400 AICs who are over 60 years old, immunocompromised, or have multiple comorbid medical conditions.

We want to assure you our regular security protocols are still in effect. Security staff will remain on post, and inside operations will be maintained as much as possible at this time.

We are working with our AIC communications services providers to provide alternatives to in-person visiting at a reduced cost. We have joined a list of other state corrections agencies that have closed access. This is the first time DOC has closed visiting state-wide.

We put a high value on visiting and family connections. We know these relationships reduce the risk of future criminal behavior. However, during this State of Emergency, it is critical we take all precautions necessary to protect our employees and those in our care and custody. This decision was not made lightly, and we understand this impact to everyone. We are working hand-in-hand with our state and local partners to keep our institutions as healthy as possible. We will resume normal visiting schedules as soon as humanly possible.

We are committed to frequent communication. Please look for additional emails. Take care of yourself and others.



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