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MDOC Suspends Inmate Transfers as Part of Response to Coronavirus

JACKSON, MISS. – Effective immediately, the Mississippi Department of Corrections is suspending the transfers of inmates from all county jails to MDOC custody until further notice.

The action is in addition to the temporary suspension of visitation at all facilities with MDOC inmates as the MDOC establishes sanitation and prevention protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

There will be limited transfer of inmates between MDOC facilities unless absolutely necessary.

"We are monitoring new developments and plans will be updated accordingly," said Deputy Commissioner Jeworski Mallet. "Steps are being taken to protect staff, inmates, and the public from potential exposure to the coronavirus."

Additionally, the Corrections Department is reinforcing common health practices based on preventive measures recommended by the Mississippi Department of Health in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

There are currently no confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the MDOC prison system.