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FDC Extends Visitation Suspension at Correctional Institutions Statewide

Additional extension necessary to protect inmates and staff from exposure to COVID-19

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Following the State of Emergency issued in response to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Florida, the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) has extended suspension of visitation at all correctional institutions statewide.

The visitation suspension will be in effect through June 7, 2020. The decision to reinstate the normal visitation schedule will be evaluated in consultation with public health experts.

Inmates will continue to have access to their loved ones through mail, phone calls and video visitation. Legal visits will not be impacted, although attorneys are encouraged to consult with their clients via phone, email or mail during this time.

FDC partners have provided complimentary communications credits to inmates and loved ones to provide avenues for communication during the visitation suspension. See press release (http://www.dc.state.fl.us/comm/press/main/04-10-Covid-Support.html).

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