OSP visitors should review the visiting guidelines and dress code (/doc/visiting/Pages/visiting-guidelines.aspx) **to ensure processing does not take time away from their visit.**

DOC is thrilled to be bringing family and friends back together through visiting. Thank you for your patience as we begin the process of reinstating in-person visits.

3/10/2021 Vaccine Update

Every adult in custody (AIC) at the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) who wanted a vaccine has now had at least one dose. DOC has and will continue to use an "opt out" process for COVID-19 vaccines for AICs. This means that each AIC is called out to an appointment with a nurse or other healthcare provider, at which point the AIC receives a dose of the vaccine or affirmatively declines the vaccine. Individuals who initially opted out of the vaccination receive a follow up from Health Services in case they have changed their minds.

DOC has communicated information about the COVID-19 vaccine through educational materials, and AICs are regularly encouraged to talk to a healthcare provider to address any questions or concerns they have on the topic.

We hope to encourage those in DOC custody to protect themselves and those around them from spreading the virus by getting vaccinated.

Below are some facts and figures about the vaccine rollout across DOC's institutions:

Total AICs offered COVID-19 vaccine	13,200 (entire population)
Total first doses administered to AICs	9,156
Current AIC acceptance rate	69%
Total second doses administered to AICs	1,256*

**Many AICs who received their first dose will receive their second in the coming weeks.*

9/21/2020 DOC to Re-introduce Professional Visits

The Department of Corrections will restart in-person professional visits. While still dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and focusing on the safety and well-being of staff and adults in custody (AICs), DOC understands these professional visits are important. **Facilities that do not have current, originating cases of COVID-19 will begin opening in-person professional visitation as early as next week.**

To attorneys representing Oregon adults in custody:

As the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) brings back in-person professional visits for adults in custody, we want to clarify **these visits will only occur in Tier 1 factilities (facilities that do not have current, originating cases of COVID-19).**

Current information on tier status and definitions of each tier can be found on DOC's COVID-19 Response webpage (/doc/covid19/Pages/default.aspx) and Tracking Tool (/doc/covid19/Pages/covid19-tracking.aspx). Other guidelines around professional visits are outlined below.

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- For AIC and attorney visits, no more than two members of the defense team will be permitted access inside the institution for the in-person visit. If additional team members need to participate in the professional visit, they will need to attend via secure video or telephonic visiting. If there are additional defense team members attending via secure video, they will be required to work with institution staff to test the video and audio connection prior to the video visit.
- Before being allowed access inside the institution for each in-person visit, defense team members will be screened. This screening includes having their temperature checked, answering a screening tool/questionnaire to assess the individual's risk of exposure to the coronavirus and the existence of any active symptoms of infection/illness, and washing/sanitizing their hands.
- When entering the secured perimeter, we ask the visitor to limit what they touch as much as possible.
- Upon entering and exiting the Legal Hearing room, and other meeting locations, hands will need to be washed and sanitized in the restroom located in this area.
- There will be no contact – shaking of hands, hugging, etc.
- During all in-person professional visits, visitors and AICs will practice recommended social distancing measures as much as possible and will be required to wear masks.

- In-person visitors must remove their mask when being visually identified entering and exiting the institution.
- Prior to entering the institution all equipment must be sanitized.
- All individuals entering the facility for professional visits must provide information for contact tracing.
- AICs will need to wash their hands prior to the visit.

6/24/2020 Update on Re-opening Visiting

As part of the Oregon Department of Corrections' COVID-19 continuing prevention efforts, **normal visiting will remain canceled statewide until further notice**. This includes non-contact visits, family visits, and attorney visits.

I know many visitors hoped to see doors open in the coming weeks and are disappointed to hear this news. While we are gaining ground and seeing our numbers decrease significantly, our communities are seeing increased numbers. Given this, we fear we will see another spike if we open visiting at this time.

This was no easy decision, especially knowing it's been months since kids have seen their moms and dads.

In the meantime, our Agency Operations Center is reviewing plans from each facility that include thorough screening processes and social distancing protocols in order to ensure safety for our employees, the adults in custody, and our communities.

When each facility can safely open their doors, we will make public notifications as soon as possible to help visitors plan.

5/21/2020 DOC Reports In-Custody Death with COVID-19

An Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) adult in custody (AIC) died on May 20, 2020. He was incarcerated at the Oregon State Penitentiary and passed away at a hospital. He tested positive for COVID-19. He was between 50 and 60 years old. Next of kin has been notified. As with all in-custody deaths, the Oregon State Police have been notified and the Medical Examiner will determine cause of death.