COVID-19 Update

April 24, 2020
4 p.m.

The S.C. Department of Corrections is extending visitation, volunteer, work-release and labor crew suspensions until May 31.

No visitors or volunteers will be allowed to enter institutions, and labor and work crews will not go out into the community. These measures are put in place to ensure everyone's health and safety from the public health threat posed from COVID-19 and the potential impact on its staff, inmates, volunteers and visitors.

During normal times, almost 15,000 people visit our institutions each month, and almost all of them are in close contact with at least one inmate and staff member. Suspending this interaction has helped limit the risk to inmates and staff posed from COVID-19.

SCDC understands the value of family visits and volunteer programs. To help offenders stay connected to their families, SCDC is asking our telephone provider GTL to extend its free call program.

Department officials have been working closely with the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control for the latest information and guidance about the spread of this virus.

SCDC remains diligent in its efforts to protect inmates and staff. Future updates about COVID-19 will be posted on our website, www.doc.sc.gov