COVID-19 Update

March 30, 2021
5 p.m.

The S.C. Department of Corrections is extending visitation, volunteer, work-release and labor crew suspensions until April 30, 2021.

No visitors or volunteers will be allowed to enter institutions, and labor and work crews will not go out into the community. All offenders will continue to get two free 5-minute calls each week, even those with telephone restrictions.

The department is actively working on a plan to allow in-person visitation to resume when it is safe to do so. Details will be announced when they are finalized.

A pilot program offering video visitation is online at eight institutions – Camille Graham, Leath, Perry, Broad River, Evans, Lee, Turbeville and Wateree River. Training is ongoing to offer it at other SCDC institutions.

All routine transfers between institutions continue to be suspended. Transfers for security and medical reasons will continue as needed.

Inmates will attend court and parole hearings virtually. If a court requires an inmate to attend a hearing in person, those requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis. If inmates are not available because of COVID-19-related circumstances, the courts will be advised.

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, offenders, volunteers and visitors.

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 offenders and staff. Future updates about COVID-19 will be posted on our website, www.doc.sc.gov