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MD State Prison Visits Suspended Immediately

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Towson, MD (March 12, 2020) –-In order to protect our employees, inmates, and detainees and their families, the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services is suspending all visits to its correctional facilities effective today, March 12.

The Department will provide free phone calls and video visitation for inmates.

"We recognize the tremendous importance of visits and family contact," said Secretary Robert L. Green. "But it is critical for the health and well-being of our employees and those in our custody that we protect them. This is a human event, and we need to do everything possible to ensure that families can communicate."

DPSCS internet technology and custody staff are working now on telephone and video visiting enhancements.

All programming and volunteer activities will be suspended for two weeks, at which time, we will re-evaluate.

DPSCS will continue to re-evaluate the situation in an effort to restore normal visits as soon as possible.

There have been no cases of coronavirus in our correctional facilities. DPSCS continues to work closely with the MD Dept. of Health and the MD Emergency Management Agency, and will be closely monitoring its employees and those in our custody for signs of illness. The Department remains focused on educating staff, inmates, and detainees on proper procedures for limiting the spread of all communicable diseases.