At the appropriate time, DOC will be mirroring the statewide approach. **We will begin to re-open as soon as it is safe to do so in each location. Our top priority is to make sure our facilities are safe and your health is protected.**

5/11/2020 OSP on Security Lockdown

The Oregon State Penitentiary is locked down today, and all AICs will remain in their cells. Last night, fights broke out on the yard, and a tower officer fired a warning shot. Approximately 70 AICs were taken to the Disciplinary Segregation Unit (DSU). No employees were injured, and there were only minor injuries to AICs. This modified operation will continue until the institution can be operated safely for all employees and AICs. Please know, AICs will not be able to use the phone system until normal operations return. DOC is committed to keeping all those who work and live in Oregon's prisons safe and healthy.

5/8/2020 Change to Operations at OSP

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the Oregon State Penitentiary has had to modify institution operations. These changes will temporarily impact adult in custody access to phones. We appreciate your patience as we work through this challenging time.

4/12/2020 Visiting Suspension Continues

All current suspensions, restrictions, and modifications made to our operations will remain in place until we can safely return to normal. We know things can change quickly, and we will keep you updated of any new information. Visiting is still suspended until further notice.

4/3/2020: DOC's First Adult in Custody Tests Positive for COVID-19

The Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) today announced the first adult in custody (AIC) within the Oregon state prison system to test positive for novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The patient is in stable condition and is being treated on-site.

The patient is at Santiam Correctional Institution in Salem, Oregon, and will soon move to an institution with 24-hour nursing care. The positive test result was received April 2. Additional details cannot be shared about his protected health information.

If an AIC is showing signs and symptoms of influenza or COVID-19, including fever, cough, and shortness of breath, they will be tested. DOC uses the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) guidance on appropriate criteria for testing. Those being tested and/or awaiting results are on respiratory isolation.

"We have been preparing for the spread of COVID-19 into our institutions, worksites and Community Corrections offices since the beginning of March," said Director Colette S. Peters. "Even with all of our preventative measures, like restricting visiting, social distancing, and suspending any programs, we knew the first case was inevitable