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Dear Family and Friends:

Health officials are working hard to contain the spread of the COVID-19 (commonly known as “coronavirus”) in the United States. While no cases have been diagnosed in Missouri correctional centers, adopting good practices, like those recommended by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, can help stop the spread of *all* communicable illnesses.

Because correctional centers are confined spaces where people have close contact, **the Department of Corrections is suspending offender visiting for the next 30 days**. While we recognize that visiting is an essential part of rehabilitation, the department must protect the health and wellness of all who live in, work in, and visit state prisons.

Attorney visits will be permitted and will be scheduled through the deputy warden or warden’s office at each facility.

To stay up to date on issues affecting friends and family of offenders, please sign up to receive email and/or text message: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MODOC/subscriber/new. Also check Facebook (@MissouriCorrections) and Twitter (@MoCorrections).

For Missouri COVID-19 updates, please visit http://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/ or call the hotline at 877-435-8411.

Thank you for your assistance in protecting the health of incarcerated Missourians, department staff, and fellow visitors.

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