COVID-19 Update

June 26, 2020
1 p.m.

The S.C. Department of Corrections is extending visitation, volunteer, work-release and labor crew suspensions until July 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, offenders, volunteers and visitors.

Parole hearings will be conducted by videoconference in coordination with the S.C. Department of Probation, Parole and Parole Services.

SCDC will continue to give all offenders two free 5-minute calls each week.

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 offender and staff member. Suspending this interaction has helped limit the risk to offenders and staff posed from COVID-19.

SCDC is working on a visitation plan so the department will be ready to welcome families back when it is safe to do so.

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