



Division of Juvenile Justice

Visitor Protocols and COVID Prevention and Response Measures – Phase I

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The Division of Juvenile Justice recognizes the value of families and community involvement and is committed to the safety of staff and residents. In line with local, state and national guidelines to minimize the spread of COVID -19 we are planning to lift the suspension of family visitation at our DJJ secure facilities in two phases. The steps below are Phase I guidelines for all facilities to follow. Increased opportunities for visits from families, community partners, attorneys, and volunteers will be considered in the next phase.

- **Visitation Hours:**
 - Approved visitation will be determined by the facility Superintendent.
 - One half of the residents in each unit or facility will have visiting on one day of the week and the other half the next scheduled day.
 - Single unit detention facilities with low count may only need one day for visiting.
 - Residents will only be allowed one visitor on their assigned day.
 - Families will be informed in advance of their scheduled visiting day.
 - Special visitation hours can be approved by the Superintendent or designee as needed and will be limited to one visitor.
 - A resident must be off 14 day quarantine prior to getting an approved visitor.
 - ***Visitation will be suspended if a unit is on quarantine or community transmission alert levels are high.***
- **Building Entry Screening:**
 - In addition to the customary security screenings, all approved non-employees will be screened for temperature, symptoms and travel prior to entering a DJJ building. Non-employees must comply with the current state and or community travel quarantine mandates if returning from out of state or international travel.
 - Persons with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will not be allowed in the facilities.
 - All non-employees must wear a cloth facial covering during the entirety of the visit to the facility.
- **Hygiene Best Practices:**
 - Handwashing capability or sanitizer availability is required.
 - Cleaning and disinfecting must continue to be conducted in compliance with CDC protocols before and after visitation.
 - All non-employees must wear a cloth facial covering during the entirety of the visit to the facility.
- **Visiting:**
 - All non-employees must wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after visitation.
 - All non-employees must practice six feet social distancing, to the degree possible, during the visit to include no contact i.e. hugging, handshakes, etc.
 - Social distancing is defined as within 6 feet.
 - All non-employees must wear a cloth facial covering during the entirety of the visit to the facility.
 - Weather permitting consider conducting visiting in an outside area if possible.
 - No food items or personal items i.e. books, magazines, clothing etc. will be allowed during visitation.
- **Resource Guides:**
 - State of Alaska COVID Page: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/>
 - State of Alaska Mandates: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates/>