

## March 3, 2021 – DJJ Gradual Family Visitation Reinstatement at Limited DJJ Facilities

As COVID-19 community transmission levels slowly begin to decrease in some areas, we continue to evaluate the need for suspension of visitation in our DJJ facilities. At this time, only three of our six facilities have been offered the COVID-19 with the remaining facilities anticipated within the next two weeks. At this time we are incrementally resuming family visitation at Phase 1 at both the Johnson Youth Center in Juneau and Kenai Peninsula Youth Facility beginning the week of March 8, 2021 consistent with our DJJ COVID-19 Visitation Phase System. In doing so, we will be instituting strict mitigation and screening protocols in an effort to keep you, your child, and our staff as healthy and safe as possible. DJJ staff will be reaching out to families to schedule in-person visitation dates and times for interested families. The following protocols will be implemented during your visit:

- Visitors must be scheduled for specific visitation dates and times to be allowed entry.
- Staff will pre-screen scheduled visitors via telephone the day before the visitation is to occur.
- In addition to customary security screening, all visitors will be screened upon arrival to include a temperature with the following screening questions:
  - Do you have the following symptoms: fever, persistent cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell OR *new* onset of any of the following that cannot be attributed to a known health condition (i.e.: seasonal allergies): chills, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, muscle/body/headaches, sore throat, or congestion?
  - Have you been tested for COVID-19 as a result of ***symptoms*** or ***illness*** and are still awaiting the results? This does *not* include voluntary testing or testing done as a screening prior to medical/dental procedures or travel requirements.
  - Is your temperature above 100.4F?
  - If you have travelled outside the State of Alaska are you currently subject to mandatory quarantine time or additional testing?

**If the answer to any of the above questions is YES, you will not be allowed into the facility/office.**

- Visitors must wash their hands or use provided hand sanitizer before and after the visitation.
- Visitors must practice strict 6 feet social distancing during the visit (no hugging, handshaking, etc.)
- Visitors must wear a face covering which always covers their nose and mouth while inside a DJJ facility or office.
- No food items or personal items (i.e. books, magazines, clothing etc.) will be allowed during visitation.

**The use of Zoom technology will still be available for those families who are unable or uncomfortable visiting in person at this time.**