

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Corrections



Modified Medical Stay-in-Place Timeline

Effective Monday, August 7, 2023

***Updates and changes are highlighted in bold**

DOC Intake	Effective August 7, 2023, new intakes to DOC will be on intake housing units for 3 days and continue to be tested for COVID-19 at intake only. There will be no additional COVID-19 testing for asymptomatic residents after intake.
Masking Policy	<p>DOC will continue to <u>require that residents and staff wear masks</u> in the following housing units and areas of the facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intake and Reception Center (IRC) (incoming and outgoing residents and staff); • Intake housing units at CDF & CTF (currently CDF - South 2 [men] & CTF - E4A [women]); • The following medical areas/units: CTF - Medical 68, Medical 82, & Medical 96 – Dialysis and Physical Therapy Areas Only and CDF – Medical Infirmary; and • CTF & CDF medical quarantine and isolation units (officers and staff are required to wear additional PPE). <p>Masking on all other housing units and locations within the CTF & CDF facilities, at the DOC Center for Professional Development and Learning (CPDL) and DOC headquarters <u>is voluntary/optional</u> for staff, visitors, and DOC residents.</p> <p><u>Masks remain mandatory for staff and arrestees at the Central Cell Block (CCB).</u></p> <p>Masks are optional for all visitors, volunteers, and guests at DOC except in the areas outlined above.</p> <p>Masks (KN95 & non-surgical masks) remain available to all residents at all facility entrances, on housing units, and at DOC staffed locations within the medical units.</p>

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Legal Visits	In-person contact and contactless legal visits resumed without an appointment on February 14, 2022, and continue unchanged. Attorneys and visitors will no longer be required to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccinations or negative testing. Residents housed on units that are on quarantine may visit with their attorneys, but will be required to wear a mask at all times while off of their housing unit.
Video Legal Calls	DOC has provided video legal visits to residents on a limited weekly schedule since February 14, 2022, and this remains unchanged. Residents housed on units that are on quarantine may have video legal visits with their attorneys, but will be required to wear a mask at all times while off of their housing unit.
Legal Calls	DOC resumed in-person legal visits for all residents and their legal counsel in February 2022, and this remains unchanged. Legal calls for DOC residents will not be facilitated by DOC unless the residents are in isolation units only . Attorneys requesting a legal call with clients in isolation should email dcdoclegalcalllist@dc.gov to schedule legal calls with their clients.
Small Groups on Unit	In-person religious services resumed on January 17, 2023, for all residents, clergy, volunteers, and facilitators. COVID-19 vaccinations are no longer required for residents, clergy, volunteers, and facilitators attending in-person religious service groups.

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Access to Public Health, Social Services and Residential Support Services through the Programs and Case Management Division	DOC continues to allow in-person small group sessions for the agency’s program units. Voting services, inmate grievance services, case management services, and the READY Center services continue for all residents.
Access to Education and Programs through DOC’s College and Career Readiness Division	DOC’s Education, Programs and Case Management Division resumed in-person educational instruction and GED testing in February 2022, and these services continue.
Barbering & Cosmetology	Since May 2022, barbering and cosmetology services resumed at DOC for all residents. Barbering services continue to be provided on a schedule established by the Operations team. Cosmetology services continue to be provided on a schedule established by the programs team. Some residents may also request loc and braid maintenance. Requests should be made to the programming team. A priority barbering service will continue to be provided to residents with upcoming <u>jury trials only</u> . Attorneys should contact Ms. Genester Powell at Genester.powell@dc.gov when requesting barbering and cosmetology services for their clients.
Detail inmate workers within DOC	DOC resumed inmate culinary details in January 2023 and environmental work details in February 2023. All detail workers must receive medical clearance, including an initial negative COVID-19 test, prior to the commencement of the work detail. All detail workers will be subject to COVID-19 testing if the detail worker displays any COVID-19 symptoms.

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Legal Research and University Classes	DCPL mobile library continues to provide services at DOC. Residents continue to have access to an e-reading, audible, recovery and legal research/law library on their tablets. University courses will continue to be provided in person and virtually via education tablets.
Video Visitation	Video Visitation resumed at CDF in February 2022 (please review DOC Inmate Visitation Policy 4081.1 for specific details) and resumed at CTF in the Spring of 2023.
Access to Family and Friends	All DOC residents have access to the GTL/Viapath tablets. GTL/Viapath tablets have been assigned to every resident at DOC during intake. Effective January 9, 2023, in-person visits at CTF and face-to-face visits at CDF resumed for all residents and visitors according to scheduling services provided by DOC Operations Team (please review DOC Inmate Visitation Policy 4081.1 for specific details). COVID-19 vaccinations are no longer required for DOC residents and visitors seeking an in-person visit.
DOC Resident Housing (Out of cell time)	DOC resumed pre-pandemic levels of daily out-of-cell time to non-restrictive housing for all residents (approximately 5 hours per day on each unit except for restrictive housing units) as of February 2022.
Outdoor Recreation	Outdoor recreation will be offered; contingent upon weather and staffing conditions.
Court Appearances	DOC continues to transport residents to court as long as the courts are operating. DOC will no longer provide COVID-19 testing to residents at DOC who are housed on quarantine units. Those residents will be required to wear a mask at all times while off of their housing unit.
The READY Center	The READY Center is providing services to returning citizens. Upon release from DOC, DOC’s Inmate Reception Center (IRC) provides all residents with the READY Center packets and the phone number to alert returning citizens on how to contact the READY Center staff for services. On Mondays and Tuesdays, DOC READY Center is located at 2000 14 th Street NW, (2 nd Floor) Washington, DC 20009. DOC returning citizens can activate READY Center services Monday – Friday via email READY.Center@dc.gov and/ or telephone call (202) 790-6790. The READY Center is expected to move to its new location in August 2023. More details to follow.

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Vaccine Education	<p>Unity Healthcare staff will continue to provide vaccine education to residents at intake and by walking the units.</p> <p>Vaccines are still available for all residents and boosters are still being offered. All new residents are notified at intake on vaccination services. DOC also provides vaccine education on residents’ tablets and in housing units. Unity Healthcare medical staff provide in-person educational information to residents on the benefits of vaccination.</p>
DOC Isolation Units	<p>Residents housed on isolation units can be released from isolation after 7 days if they test negative via a viral test and are symptom free as determined by Unity Healthcare.</p>
DOC COVID-19 Desk	<p>Effective January 9, 2023, DOC no longer required employees, contractors, visitors, and guests to complete the intake form upon admittance into the facilities and will no longer inquire about an individual’s vaccine status. DOC continues to ask employees, contractors, visitors, and guests to refrain from entering the facilities if they are feeling under the weather.</p>
Volunteer Services	<p>Volunteers applying to work with the DOC will no longer have to provide vaccination cards as part of their on-boarding requirements.</p>
DOC Employees, Contracts, Volunteers who have tested positive for COVID-19	<p>The minimum duration of isolation is 7 full days. (Count Day 0 as the date your symptoms started and Day 1 as the first full day after symptoms started. For example, Leon starts feeling sick at 10 pm on January 15. January 15 is his Day 0 and January 16 is his Day 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 7 -day isolation period can be used as long as <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Symptoms are improving; 2. The individual has been fever-free for 24 hours, 3. The individual was not hospitalized, and 4. The individual does not have a weakened immune system. <p>*Per the CDC, the isolation period for the correctional and detention facilities is longer than the duration recommended for the general public because of the risk of widespread transmission in dense housing environments and the high prevalence of underlying medical conditions associated with severe COVID-19.</p>

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