

PDP response to COVID-19

- All newly admitted inmates are placed in intake quarantine for 14 days and kept separate from the general population until medically cleared.
- All non-intake inmates who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms, including a temperature of 100.4 or above are quarantined and assessed accordingly.
- The PDP is isolating housing units for Covid-19 positive inmates as necessary.

Inmate protective measure and services

- All inmates are provided cleaning products with bleach solution to be able to disinfect their cells.
- All inmates are continuously thermo-screened for a temperature reading. Any inmate with a temperature of 100.4 or higher is isolated and assessed accordingly for COVID-19.
- All inmates are being provided with masks.
- Civilian Visits, Weekend Housing for Inmates Serving DUI Sentences and Work Release have been cancelled.
- Official/legal visits are permitted, with the inmate wearing a mask, preserving of social distancing and the area being sanitized after each visit.
- All inmates are receiving an additional 15 minutes of free phone time through March 1 and, after that date, we will continue providing the ten minutes of free phone time which was already in place.

Staff protective measure and services

- All staff, as well as contractors and anyone wishing to enter any PDP facility are thermo screened for a temperature reading and asked if they have any COVID-19 symptoms. After proper assessment, any person with a temperature reading of 100.4 or higher or responding positively regarding symptoms is sent home for (14) days of self-quarantine.
- All staff reporting exposure are told to self-quarantine for (14) days.
- All staff reporting confirmed testing are verified in partnership with the Philadelphia Health Department and tracing are done to notify any potentially impacted staff.
- Staff have been provided continuous messaging through roll call announcements and department wide messaging regarding the preventative measure of continuous sanitizing of common areas, social distancing, and proper/constant hand washing, including a video shown at all roll calls and videos shown daily on every housing unit.
- All facilities have been instructed to sanitize all commonly shared spaces/objects every three hours.
- Cloth Masks have been provided to all staff and inmates and continue to be produced.
- Personal Protective Equipment is provided to staff accordingly commensurate with their work duties.
- To allow for increased social distancing, all Restorative & Transitional Services (RTS) staff are working on a rotational, one week on, one week off basis.

Coordination with criminal justice partners regarding

- Daily reports are provided to the District Attorney's Office and Defender's Office showing all female inmates, all inmates who are medically vulnerable, all inmates who are 60 years of age or older, all sentenced inmates who have served their minimum sentence, all sentenced inmates within 6 months of serving their minimum sentence and all pre-trial inmates. Virtual court hearings are continuing for early bail review and Gagnon 1 hearings.

Updates on virtual visitations

In person and virtual official visits between attorneys and clients are currently available. Details on how to arrange a virtual visit can be found on the following link:

<https://www.phila.gov/2020-05-27-philadelphia-department-of-prisons-attorney-client-access-procedures-during-covid-19/>

In-person private visits for family and friends are still not permitted due to COVID-19 restrictions, but virtual visits are now available.

The following rules must be followed during virtual visitor calls with inmates. If either party is found to be in violation of the rules of engagement during a video call, the call will be terminated immediately. Pending review, both parties may be prohibited from future virtual visits if either party is found violating the policy.

- All participants (including minor children) must be fully clothed during the entirety of the video call.
- Illicit, suggestive, and pornographic behavior is prohibited during video calls.
- Displaying or sharing photos or videos of weapons, pornography, or drugs is prohibited. Visitors may not use a separate device to display these items.
- Visitors may not record the visit or take photos of the inmate participant.

Information on how to sign up can be found on the link below.

<https://www.phila.gov/2020-11-25-how-families-and-friends-can-have-virtual-visits-with-philadelphia-department-of-prisons-inmates/>