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FCI Bennettsville
Temporary Modification to Visitation Procedures

Due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, temporary modifications have been made. These modifications will be used to ensure visitation can resume, with all precautions and safeguards in place to limit transmission of COVID-19. These modifications will continue until further notice, and be evaluated for changes on an as-needed basis.

- **Visitation will be non-contact only:** Physical contact between inmates and visitors will be prohibited. To enforce this restriction, physical barriers will be in place at FCI and the SCP to prevent physical contact between parties. Special Housing Unit visitors will continue to visit from the established non-contact rooms utilizing the video visitation system.
- **Visitation numbers will be limited:** All visits will initially be limited to two (2) visitors counting minor children. This restriction is used to ensure proper social distancing and minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission, and will be re-evaluated on an as needed basis to ensure sustainability. The maximum occupancy at the FCI will be sixty-nine (69). There will be twenty-three (23) inmates and forty-six (46) visitors (two (2) visitors per inmate). The maximum occupancy for the SCP will be seven (7) inmates and fourteen (14) visitors at one time (two (2) visitors per inmates).
- **Frequency of visits:** All inmates will be limited two (2) visits per thirty (30) day period. All visits will be set up via appointment no later than seven (7) days prior to the day of visit. Visits will be scheduled for a two (2) hour block window, and will not exceed the two (2) hour timeframe. All visits will be scheduled through the Unit Team, for the designated time/day block. Visitors are to

arrive at the screening site with no more than thirty (30) minutes from the beginning of their appointment time.

- **Visits by Unit:** All inmates will visit by Unit. Visitation will occur Saturday-Monday with two time slots. The times for visitation are listed below:

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

1:30 pm - 5:00 pm

- **Inmates on Isolation or Quarantine:** Inmates on an Isolation or Quarantine status will not be permitted to visit.
- **Screening of Visitors:** All visitors will be screened prior to entry into FCI Bennettsville. This screening will encompass symptom screening as outlined in the COVID-19 screening tool. Any visitor who displays symptoms consistent with COVID-19 screening tool, will be denied entry.
- **Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)/Hygiene:** Staff must continue to wear appropriate face masks, and PPE as dictated by the situation. PPE such as gloves will be changed frequently to ensure cross-contamination does not occur. Additional PPE will be made available as necessary. Staff will have hand sanitizer, soap, and water available to perform hand hygiene.
 - **Inmate PPE/Hygiene:** All inmates will be required to maintain proper PPE such as face coverings during the entire visit. At no point are inmates authorized to remove their face covering/mask. Inmates are required to perform hand hygiene prior to and following each visit.
 - **Visitor PPE/Hygiene:** All visitors will be required to maintain proper PPE face covering, surgical mask only. Visitors are required to wear face covering/surgical mask for the entirety of the visit. Visitors will be required to perform hand hygiene both before and after the visit.
- **Children and Minors:** Minor children will be permitted to visit, however they do count against the limit of two (2) visitors per inmate. It should be noted they are still required to maintain proper PPE for the duration of the visit. If the child is unable to maintain proper PPE, they may be subject to non-punitive removal, to ensure the

safety of the institution and reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

- **Physical Contact Restrictions/Photographs:** Physical contact between visitors and inmates will be prohibited and photographs will not be permitted at this time.

- **Food and Beverages:** Food and beverages will not be allowed during visiting at this time. Provisions for baby food/formula are:
 - o Commercially sealed baby formula (including single serve packages)
 - o 1- Clear diaper bag
 - o 1- Empty baby bottle (must be clear plastic)
 - o 2- Diapers
 - o 1- Sealed small baby wipes
 - o 1- Plastic Baby spoon
 - o 1- Receiving Blanket
 - o 1- Clear Plastic drinking cup
 - o 1- Small clear baby food

- **Physical Distancing:** Inmates and visitors are required to maintain appropriate physical distancing at all times. This includes following all posted directives in the Front Lobby area, and the Visitation Room concerning social distancing, spacing and seating. Visitors will be escorted in groups to ensure physical distancing is maintained.

- **Sanitation:** All areas are to be sanitized per Centers for Disease Control guidelines between each use. This includes, but is not limited to: inmate and visitor chairs, tables, door handles, dividers, Officer's Station, etc. Both inmate and visitor areas will be sanitized at the completion of each visit.