

As of April 4, 2022

The safety and wellbeing of our staff members and inmates remains a top priority for us as we navigate through the challenges associated with operating a secure correctional facility during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, many protocols have been put into place and there is limited access to the facility. Below are some of the operational impacts:

- All Volunteer and Work Release programs remain suspended.
- Friends and family visitation resumed with limited, non-contact visits, on March 14, 2022 (refer to the guidelines outlined on the 'Visitation' page on this website).

In addition, the protocol for Attorneys is as follows:

We ask that attorneys use discretion when deciding to visit an inmate at the institution during this critical time period. Should an attorney deem an in-person visit absolutely **essential**, they should follow the standard procedure (outlined on this website) to schedule a time to meet with an inmate. The standard hours to visit are limited – visits will be scheduled between 9 AM and 8 PM by appointment only. If there is a critical need to see a client at another time, attorneys should call during scheduling hours and relay the circumstances so a supervisor can proceed with granting an exception.

- We are scanning the temperature of **all individuals** entering our building and following recommended guidelines to restrict access as necessary based on signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Staff, visitors, and inmates are strongly encouraged, but no longer required in most areas/instances, to wear masks indoors while on jail property.
- We are still not permitting individuals to access the banker kiosk in the jail lobby to make deposits to an inmate's account. Website deposits can be made at www.connectnetwork.com. As of this point in time, Commissary orders are being filled and delivered to the inmates.
- Telephone Calls: Access to telephones may be limited and schedules may change quickly as circumstances warrant. Until further notice, we are continuing to provide inmates with one free telephone call (up to 5 minutes) per week. This is reviewed each month to determine our ability to continue providing these calls. We are also issuing a limited amount of writing paper and postage paid envelopes.
- Tablets and Video Visits: Tablets have been widely distributed throughout the institution to give the inmates additional opportunities to make calls and video chats. These tablets can be funded at www.gettingout.com. We are currently providing all tablet-eligible inmates with free video visits and, due to the suspension of friends and family visitation, have increased it to two video visits (up to 15 minutes) per week. (Inmates without tablet privileges will receive two additional free telephone calls, up to 15 minutes, in lieu of video visits). This is reviewed each month to determine our ability to continue providing these video visits.
- All inmates who are committed to the facility will remain in a Quarantine status up to 14 days. Inmates who leave the jail for a temporary period of time may also be placed in quarantine status upon their return.
- Extensive, daily cleaning protocols are in place. Inmates are being issued soap and cleaning supplies. Social distancing requirements have been in place.
- Overall, movement is limited within the facility. The jail system has been operating under a cohorting system, which separates the population into small groups for out-of-cell time and activities as we comply with recommendations and guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), PA Department of Health and medical professionals.

Again, our primary focus is the safety and well-being of all who work and live here, so these protocols may be enhanced or changed at any time based on changing conditions and/or guidelines. We need the community at large to help us resume normal operations... **"DO YOUR PART – STOP THE SPREAD"**