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RE: Coronavirus Response - Visitation Restrictions

As you are well aware by now, the declared pandemic of Coronavirus (COVID-19) has had significant impact on our nation's healthcare industry, as well as the operations of populated public and private venues. Our state and local public agencies are all responding as deemed necessary, to address the needs within each sector. A majority of this response is to assist in social distancing, to aid in the reduction and treatment of COVID-19. As such, and after extensive consultation with our healthcare providers and District stakeholders, I find it appropriate and necessary for the Detention Center to engage in reasonable efforts to protect its operations and population from any potential threat associated with COVID-19.

Effective today's date, we are suspending Family and Volunteer Visitation of detained youth for a minimum of the next 30 days, while offering increases in other methods of communication. This means that only officers of the court, law enforcement, and other personnel conducting official business, will have visiting access to youth. In addition, a pre-screen is being implemented for youth who are presented by law enforcement for admission into detention; with possible infected youth being referred for medical clearance.

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