

## Internal Memo

**Date:** July 17, 2025

**To:** Friends and Family of Incarcerated Persons

**From:** Paul Schnell, Commissioner

### RE: Update on the Phased Closure of MCF-Stillwater

The Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) is continuing to prepare for Phase 1 of the MCF-Stillwater closure. This is an update to the progress since the July 10 memo:

#### ***MCF-Stillwater (STW) Population Update:***

- The current population of MCF-Stillwater is now below 900.
- **Transfers within STW:**
  - Reviews and intakes are happening for the expanded Atlantis substance use disorder treatment program. The intakes are currently for only those already at Stillwater who need substance use treatment.
- **Transfers into STW:**
  - IPs from other facilities who may be transferred to STW's Restrictive Housing unit will be moved after August 1.
  - IPs who will be transferred to STW's Earned Living Unit (ELU) from other facilities will be moved in late August/early September.
- **Transfers out of STW:**
  - IPs continue to be transferred out of STW to other DOC facilities across the state.

#### **STW Populations and Programs:**

- Staff are currently reviewing ELU applications from STW as they come in. The IPs at Stillwater who appear to meet the ELU criteria have been placed on hold for further review.
- ELU application materials have been given to eligible individuals at MCF-Faribault, Lino Lakes, Moose Lake, Rush City, and St. Cloud. The deadline to apply is August 8.
  - You will receive additional information from your facility if you meet ELU eligibility criteria.