

Internal Memo

Date: July 24, 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 17 memo:

MCF-Stillwater (STW) Population Update:

- **Transfers into STW:**
 - IPs from other facilities who may be transferred to Stillwater's Restrictive Housing unit will be moved after August 1.
 - Earned Living Unit (ELU) transfers from other facilities are expected in August and September.
- **Transfers out of STW:**
 - IPs continue to be transferred out of Stillwater to other DOC facilities across the state.
 - Stillwater's current population is under 850.

STW Populations and Programs:

- Staff are currently reviewing Earned Living Unit (ELU) applications from Stillwater as they come in. Staff will begin to interview IPs who have applied and appear to be qualified for ELU this week.
- 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.