

Memo

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To: Friends and Family of Incarcerated Persons

From: Paul Schnell, Commissioner

RE: Updates on MCF-Stillwater Closure Processes

Below are important updates as the Department of Corrections (DOC) continues to plan for the phased closure of MCF-Stillwater. DOC's goal is to reduce the population to about 550 incarcerated persons (IPs) by fall.

Population and Program Movements

- MCF-Stillwater's population is now near 1,000.
- The DOC is expanding the Atlantis substance use disorder treatment program and actively preparing for the launch of Earned Living Units (ELU).
- Applications are available for IPs to apply for the ELUs at MCF-Stillwater and will become available for IPs at other facilities in mid-July.
- Institution Community Work Crews (ICWC) at MCF-Stillwater will begin transferring to MCF-Lino Lakes in mid-July.

Transfer Health Screenings

A new process is in place to support the health needs of IPs who are transferring to other facilities.

- Starting June 30, Health Services at an IP's receiving facility will review a clinical summary of their healthcare history.
- Due to the volume of individuals transferring, health screenings will not be conducted at receiving facilities at the time of the transfer. However, if an IP has a medical concern after arriving, they can sign up for a nurse sick call visit within one week of transfer and no copay will be charged. This process replaces the usual post-transfer health screening.
- If an IP has an urgent mental health need and they have not yet met with behavioral health staff, they should tell staff right away so they can help.
- If an IP is being treated for a health issue, conversations between medical staff at MCF-Stillwater and the receiving facility have already taken place to support the IP's continued care.

Transfer PREA Screening

More staff have been trained to conduct confidential Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) screenings and will refer IPs to health services as needed during this high-volume transfer period.