

Internal Memo

Date: August 21, 2025

To: Friends and Family of Incarcerated Persons

From: Paul Schnell, Commissioner

RE: Update on the Phased Closure of MCF-Stillwater

As part of the ongoing phased closure of MCF-Stillwater (STW), we want to keep you informed about changes that may affect you. This is an update on the progress since the August 14 memo:

MCF-Stillwater Population Update:

- The incarcerated population at STW is now around 750 incarcerated persons (IPs).
- Transfers out of STW will continue until the target population is reached and individuals are placed in the program or location that best suits their needs.

STW Populations and Programs:

The Atlantis, Earned Living Units, and Restrictive Housing programs are on track.

- The **Atlantis** substance use disorder treatment program at STW is prioritizing the placement of individuals who are already at STW. The program has grown to over 70 participants already.
- The final review process is underway to determine who will be placed in STW's **Earned Living Units (ELU)**, with recommendations from STW leadership being sent to Commissioner Schnell for final decision making. More applications were received from individuals who met criteria than there are spaces available, so there will be a wait list in place. All applicants will receive notice of their status and how the wait list will be managed.
- We are grateful for the interest in **Earned Living Units** across facilities and will be starting to look at ELU options in other facilities in the near future. Please continue to participate in positive programming and remain discipline free to be in good standing for consideration.
- STW's **Restrictive Housing** unit is now receiving IPs from other facilities across the state.

Transfer Support

- Incarcerated persons who have recently been transferred and are experiencing challenges should reach out to their IP representative group and/or a facility staff member with questions or concerns.

Communications:

- Weekly updates like this one will continue to be shared with you and posted on the DOC's website for your friends and family.

We are committed to keeping you informed and supported throughout this transition. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.