



## Internal Memo

**Date:** September 11, 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) continues to prepare for Phase 1 of the MCF-Stillwater closure. This is an update to the progress since the September 4 memo:

#### **MCF-Stillwater Population Update:**

The population at Stillwater has temporarily increased as individuals selected for the Earned Living Units move to the facility. The pace of transfers will increase significantly over the next few weeks in order to achieve the Phase 1 population of about 550 individuals by the end of September. Many facilities will experience changes in population.

#### **MCF-Stillwater Earned Living Unit:**

Some individuals who were placed on the waitlist for the Earned Living Unit have already been contacted as space became available. Please continue actively participating in programming or work assignments, demonstrating positive prosocial behavior, and remaining discipline free.

#### **Looking Ahead:**

Once Phase 1 begins at MCF-Stillwater and incarcerated people and staff are settled into new facilities, we will begin planning for Earned Living Units in other facilities.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this significant transition. We will continue to provide regular updates.