Internal Memo

Date: June 16, 2021

To: Incarcerated Population

From: Paul Schnell, Commissioner

RE: COVID-19 Updates

At the recommendation of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), detained persons and correctional and detention facility staff need to continue to wear a well-fitted mask that covers the nose and mouth. Masking in these settings is still recommended because these settings may face high turnover of people and a higher risk of transmission. CDC will continue to monitor new data as it comes in, including vaccine coverage in these settings, and review the science to inform guidance and decision making.

In addition, MN Department of Corrections will continue to maintain our current health screening procedures, practice social distancing and good hand hygiene.

The MN Department of Corrections and MN Department of Health continue to encourage all incarcerated persons and staff to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

Updated information for individuals who are fully vaccinated:

- No longer need to quarantine at intake, unless you are experiencing symptoms
- No longer need to quarantine upon return from county jail for WRITs, etc., unless you are experiencing symptoms
- No longer need to quarantine after an exposure to someone with COVID-19, unless you are experiencing symptoms, or have a positive COVID 19 test

If you haven’t yet, I encourage you to get vaccinated. The MN Department of Corrections can offer both the Moderna and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine. If you would like to receive the vaccine, please send a kite to Health Services at the facility and indicate the type of preferred vaccine on the correspondence.

Thank you,

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Paul Schnell, Commissioner of Corrections