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DOC Comment on ACLU Lawsuit

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Department of Corrections received the lawsuit just a short time ago and is reviewing it. The Department of Corrections shares the sentiment that “COVID-19 has created exceptional circumstances,” as is noted in the court filing.

“The agency continues efforts to implement early work and conditional medical release processes that fall within the parameters of current Minnesota law,” Minnesota Department of Corrections Commissioner Paul Schnell said. “Our work continues to make adjustments to conform longstanding correctional practices with their emphasis on public safety to meet the compelling public health and fast moving challenges that result from COVID-19.”

DOC’s efforts to date have been developed in close collaboration with the Minnesota Department of Health in accordance with CDC guidance for correctional settings.

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