

## Internal Memo

**Date:** January 30, 2026

**To:** Friends and Family of Incarcerated Persons

**From:** Paul Schnell, Commissioner

### RE: Updates on the Phased Closure of MCF-Stillwater

#### Stillwater Update

- MCF-Stillwater's current incarcerated population is 505 incarcerated people.
- On January 27, local government leaders will tour MCF-Stillwater as part of the decommissioning study. The visit will allow local officials to see the facility firsthand.
  - Input from local officials, stakeholders, and the public will be used to inform recommendations for the decommissioning study that is due to the Minnesota Legislature this fall.

#### Communications and Engagement

- On January 14, the DOC hosted a public virtual briefing on the phased closure of MCF-Stillwater. The event provided an opportunity to share updates broadly and respond to questions from family members of incarcerated people and the public. <https://mn.gov/doc/about/phased-closure-of-mcf-stillwater/>
- We plan to continue monthly updates like this one.