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COVID-19 RESPONSE

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MEMORANDUM

To: Individuals in Custody

From: Incident Command

Date: January 28, 2022

Subject: COVID-19 New Visitation Requirements

Starting on January 31st, as a result of the decision in the State of Illinois v. AFSCME council 31 S-MA-22-121, ALL visitors who are over the age of 5 must be vaccinated in order to enter an IDOC facility. The requirements will be outlined for visitors on the IDOC website. You should also feel free to inform your visitors of the new requirements. The requirements are as follows:

- Visitors must have either the first dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine no later than January 31st and the second dose by March 7th or the single dose of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine no later than January 31st. After March 7th, visitors, without approved or pending exemption requests, will be required to be fully vaccinated as described above prior to visits.
- Visitors must provide their vaccination cards or exemption approval upon entrance to the facilities. Staff will make a note that the documentation has been provided and then return the documentation to the visitor. Visitors can also email their vaccination documentation to the attached facility email addresses.
- Once a visitor's vaccination status has been noted that individual will no longer be required to bring vaccination proof for subsequent visits.
- If visitors believe they have a valid religious or medical exemption, they will be required to provide documentation by emailing it to DOC.VisitorRequest@illinois.gov or mailing a hard copy to the following address:

IDOC Legal Services
1301 Concordia Court PO Box 19277
Springfield, IL 62794

- Visitors who claim an exemption will be able to visit an IDOC facility while the exemption decision is pending. If the exemption is denied, perspective visitors will have to get the first dose of the two-dose Moderna or Pfizer vaccines or the single-dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine no later than 21 days after the date of the denial in order to visit. Visitors vaccinated with Moderna or Pfizer must then receive their second dose 35 days after the first dose in order to continue visiting.