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Department of Corrections



Modified Medical Stay-in-Place Timeline

	Current DOC Practice	Upcoming Milestones
DCPS Services	Throughout the pandemic, DCPS has been able to upload course content for students on resident tablets, provide paper-based lessons delivered to residents by DOC CCR staff and eventually two DCPS teacher-volunteers, and residents have been able to gather in small groups on housing units with appropriate social distancing in place.	Beginning Wednesday, May 5, 2021: In-person education resumed for fully vaccinated residents, with facemasks and social distancing, at CDF, CTF, and on the restricted housing units.
Legal Calls	DOC will continue to work to identify and maintain additional space for case managers to safely provide residents with legal calls.	Beginning Saturday, May 15, 2021: DOC will resume in-person legal visits for fully vaccinated residents and their legal counsel.
Small Groups on Unit	DOC expanded small groups to designated off-unit spaces that have been appropriately set up to maintain social distancing.	<p>Beginning Monday, May 24, 2021: DOC will expand small group sizes in compliance with Mayor’s Orders limitations on indoor gatherings, wearing facemasks, and requiring social distancing.</p> <p>Beginning Tuesday, July 6, 2021: In-person religious services will resume for fully vaccinated residents and clergy, volunteers, and facilitators who have proof of being fully vaccinated.</p> <p>Note: DOC depends on volunteers to provide the majority of its programs and services. Due to the pandemic, most volunteer certifications and badges have expired. Prior to resumption of religious services, all volunteers must complete their annual recertification which includes background checks, drug testing, and eight hours of pre-service volunteer training. All volunteers and facilitators must show proof of being fully vaccinated before they can</p>

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		<p>provide in-person program and service offerings to DOC residents. Additionally, DOC must coordinate religious service offerings so they are provided to all residents equitably. Based on the number of volunteers and the time required for them to complete the recertification process, we anticipate these activities will fully resume during Summer 2021.</p>
<p>Access to Public Health, Social Services and Residential Support Services through the Programs and Case Management Division</p>	<p>Residents will continue to have access to APDS and Global Tel Link (GTL) tablets for public health, social services and residential support services; beginning August 1, 2021, DOC will allow for in-person small group sessions for the agency’s program units and areas. It is important to note that voting services, inmate grievance services, case management services and the READY Center services never ceased during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>Beginning Monday, May 24, 2021: The DOC Programs and Case Management (PCM) Division will resume in-person small group sessions. Programs and services mandated by the Courts and the U.S. Parole Commission will resume when those agencies resume referrals. Group sizes will be in compliance with Mayor’s Orders limitations on indoor gatherings, wearing facemasks, and requiring social distancing.</p> <p>Note: DOC depends on its roughly 300 volunteers to provide the majority of its programs and services. Due to the pandemic, most volunteer certifications and badges have expired. Prior to resumption of programs and services, all volunteers must complete their annual recertification which includes background checks, drug testing, and eight hours of pre-service volunteer training. All volunteers and facilitators must show proof of being fully vaccinated before they can provide in-person program and service offerings to DOC residents. Additionally, DOC must coordinate service offerings so they are provided to all residents equitably. Based on the number of volunteers and the time required for them to complete the recertification process, we anticipate these activities will fully resume during Summer 2021.</p>

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Access to Education and Programs through DOC's College and Career Readiness Division	Residents will continue to have access to the American Prison Data Systems (APDS) tablets for educational, vocational, and social programs and services; and beginning in May 2021, DOC will allow for in-person synchronous education by DCPS in classrooms and College and Career Readiness (CCR) will resume in-person educational instruction.	Beginning Monday, May 24, 2021: GED, CTE, and education study groups will resume for all DOC residents, with scheduling based on residents' vaccination status. Group sizes will be in compliance with Mayor's Orders limitations on indoor gatherings, wearing facemasks, and requiring social distancing.
Barbering & Cosmetology	Barbering and cosmetology services resumed for residents with upcoming jury trials.	Beginning Tuesday, June 1: Barbering and cosmetology will resume for all fully vaccinated residents, contingent on having contractors and in compliance with Mayor's Orders limitations on barbering/cosmetology services, wearing facemasks, and requiring social distancing.
Legal Research and University Classes	Legal research library is available to residents via tablets for 12 hours each day. Residents electronically submit requests on forms located on tablets. Requests are immediately submitted electronically to DOC law library staff. Restrictive housing and intake units do not have access to tablets, therefore CCR staff walk through these units weekly to distribute paper request forms for legal research requests and copies. Requested materials are delivered to residents within 2 working days of request by CCR staff. Three DOC staff members, including one who is a licensed attorney, assist in researching requested materials, and a DOC CCR staff member provides technical support to all residents related to tablet use and delivers all copies of requested materials.	Beginning Tuesday, June 1, 2021: DOC will implement a partnership with University of the District of Columbia (UDC) Law School's DOC Legal Research Clinic. Law students and professors will conduct virtual classes on resident tablets on legal research topics and skills and respond to requests for research assistance via tablet messaging. Beginning Monday, June 14, 2021: DC Public Library will reopen the Law Library and Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF) Leisure Library will reopen to fully vaccinated residents. Additionally, DC Public Library-operated mobile library services will resume for fully vaccinated residents at the Central Detention Facility (CDF). Residents will continue to enjoy access to over 5,000 e-books, audio books, and other reading materials on their tablets. Residents also have full access to the law library search engine on their tablets.

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		<p>Starting in the Fall 2021 semester: Howard University Law School, American University Law School, and the Illinois State University Law Library staff and students will join UDC Law School in conducting virtual classes on resident tablets on legal research topics and skills and respond to requests for research assistance through a live chat help desk via tablet messaging.</p> <p>For the Fall 2021 semester: Fully vaccinated residents can attend in-person instruction provided by fully vaccinated instructors from for-credit and not-for-credit universities.</p> <p>Note: DOC depends on roughly 100 providers for this work. Due to the pandemic, most education provider certifications and badges have expired. Prior to resumption of programs and services, all providers must complete their annual recertification which includes background checks, drug testing, and eight hours of pre-service training. All providers must show proof of being fully vaccinated before they can provide in-person program and service offerings to DOC residents. Additionally, DOC must coordinate educational offerings so they are provided to all residents equitably. Based on the number of providers and the time required for them to complete the recertification process, we anticipate these activities will fully resume during Fall 2021.</p>
Video Visitation	Video visitation was suspended at the start of the pandemic in response to the need to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by curtailing community movement and to protect DOC staff from potential COVID exposure with community members visiting the facility.	<p>Beginning Monday, June 7, 2021: DOC will resume video visitation.</p> <p>Note: The extent and volume of video visitation is dependent on installation of tablets/IT equipment on CTF housing units.</p>

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<p>Access to Family and Friends</p>	<p>DOC has continued expanding the provision of telephone services and added 456 GTL-provided tablets to residents. Previously there was one phone for every 33 residents, now there is one tablet-based phone for every three residents.</p> <p>Low cost text messaging is also accessible to residents via the GTL tablets. The text messages are a new way of connecting residents to their loved ones that was not available before the pandemic.</p>	<p>DOC residents will continue to have access to the GTL tablets. Additionally, more phones will be available on the units and video visitation will resume on Monday, June 7, 2021.</p> <p>Beginning Tuesday, July 6, 2021: In-person visits at CTF and face-to-face visits at CDF will resume for fully vaccinated residents and visitors who have proof of being fully vaccinated.</p> <p>Note: DOC is working with DC Health on acceptable forms of proof of full vaccination. Additional information will be provided before the resumption of in-person visitation.</p>
<p>DOC Resident Housing (Out of cell time)</p>	<p>Beginning April 30, 2021: Out-of-cell time increased to 2 hours per day.</p>	<p>Beginning Friday, June 11, 2021: DOC will resume pre-pandemic levels of daily out-of-cell time to all residents (approximately 5.5 hours per day on each unit). Additionally, fully vaccinated residents will have access to indoor recreation, including basketball and board games.</p> <p>Note: For out-of-cell time, residents may be divided into fully vaccinated and unvaccinated groups to minimize the potential spread of COVID-19.</p>
<p>Outdoor Recreation</p>	<p>Beginning May 15, 2021: Outdoor recreation expanded to a minimum of 1.5 hours per week for each housing unit.</p>	<p>Beginning Friday, June 11, 2021: DOC will offer pre-pandemic hours of weekly outdoor recreation to all residents. Additionally, fully vaccinated residents will have access to indoor recreation, including basketball and board games.</p> <p>Note: For out-of-cell time, residents may be divided into fully vaccinated and unvaccinated groups to minimize the potential spread of COVID-19.</p>

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Court Appearances	Video court at DOC was implemented in response to the need that arose during the course of the pandemic. DOC operates 10 video hearing spaces designed to accommodate video hearings for the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, the D.C. Superior Court, and the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.	When local and federal courts advise they are ready to resume in-person court appearances, DOC will resume transporting residents to court for their hearings.
The READY Center	The READY Center is providing virtual services to returning citizens.	<p>Beginning Thursday, July 1, 2021: The READY Center facilities will resume in-person services to fully vaccinated clients; it will continue to offer virtual services to returning citizens.</p> <p>Note: The READY Center may be relocated to a new site. Additional information will be provided before the resumption of in-person visitation.</p>
Vaccine Education	Residents can get vaccinated on the same day or within 24-48 hours after making a request to be vaccinated. All new residents are notified at intake on vaccination services. DOC also provides vaccine education on residents' tablets and in housing units. Unity Healthcare medical staff provide in-person educational information to residents on the benefits of vaccination.	<p>Unity Healthcare medical staff will continue to provide vaccine education to residents at intake and by walking the units.</p> <p>DOC is working with local area influencers and community members to have them record public service announcements and podcast discussions on COVID-19 vaccine education. This messaging will be distributed to residents via tablets.</p> <p>DOC is exploring opportunities to provide incentives to residents and staff to encourage them to get vaccinated.</p>