

# ARIZONA SUPREME COURT

STATE OF ARIZONA,

Appellee,

v.

CLARENCE WAYNE DIXON,

Appellant.

Arizona Supreme Court  
No. CR-08-0025-AP

Maricopa County Superior Court  
No. CR2002-019595

U.S. District Court No. CV-14-258-  
PHX-DJH

**REPLY IN SUPPORT OF THE  
STATE'S MOTION TO SET  
BRIEFING SCHEDULE FOR  
MOTION FOR WARRANT OF  
EXECUTION**

Appellant Clarence Wayne Dixon does not oppose the State's request to set a briefing schedule on its anticipated warrant of execution; however, he requests that this Court order the briefing schedule to begin no earlier than September 2021 in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Dixon contends that he cannot adequately prepare for his clemency proceeding or the litigation surrounding the State's request for an execution warrant because of the COVID-related prison closure.

Since the Response's filing, the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Re-entry has authorized the resumption of in-person visitation for death-row inmates on a case-by-case basis and has specifically approved in-person visits between Dixon and his attorneys. Accordingly, Dixon and his attorneys can meet in-person going forward. Moreover, Dixon and his attorneys

could have been conducting weekly telephonic or video visits during the closure. *See* Exhibit A. Accordingly, there is no reason to delay the requested briefing schedule's beginning. The State therefore respectfully requests that this Court set the briefing schedule to begin at its earliest possible convenience.

Dixon also objects to the State's proposed briefing schedule, but he does not explain how he would be better able to respond to a warrant motion with only the 10 days allowed by this Court's Rules. *See* Response at 2 n.2. Nor does he explain why a response to a warrant motion would be onerous, given the narrow issues before the Court in such a motion. If anything, the State's proposed procedure likely gives Dixon more time to prepare a response to the State's warrant motion than he would have had if the State had filed the motion without prior notice of its intent to do so. And Dixon has effectively received an additional opportunity to challenge the issuance of a death warrant through his response to the State's motion to set a briefing schedule. The State therefore requests that this Court adopt the briefing schedule proposed in the State's motion.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 27th day of April, 2021.

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# Exhibit A



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# COVID-19 Management Updates

April 16, 2021

## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY

### ADCRR Has Administered More Than 18,000 Vaccines to Inmates

**(PHOENIX)** —The Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry (ADCRR) continues to offer COVID-19 vaccines to inmates at its state as well as private prison facilities. The Department has received 19,980 doses thus far from the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and has administered 13,903 vaccines at our ten state prison complexes to date. Additionally, the private prisons have administered 4,233 vaccines. We will continue to offer the vaccines as they are allocated to the Department and will continue to provide weekly updates on the total number of vaccines administered.

COVID-19 data continues to be updated on ADCRR's dashboard at: <https://corrections.az.gov/adcr-covid-19-dashboard> ([//corrections.az.gov/adcr-covid-19-dashboard](https://corrections.az.gov/adcr-covid-19-dashboard)). Please note the data on the dashboard is cumulative back to February 2020. For the latest regarding ADCRR's COVID-19 management strategy, please visit: <https://corrections.az.gov/covid-19-management-updates> ([//corrections.az.gov/covid-19-management-updates](https://corrections.az.gov/covid-19-management-updates)).

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April 9, 2021

## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY

### ADCRR Has Administered More Than 12,000 Vaccines to Inmates

**(PHOENIX)** - The Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry (ADCRR) continues to offer COVID-19 vaccines to inmates at its state as well as private prison facilities. The Department has received 11,690 doses thus far from the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and has administered 10,091 vaccines at our ten state prison complexes to date. Additionally, the private prisons have administered 1,964 vaccines. We will continue to offer the vaccines as they are allocated to the Department and will continue to provide weekly updates on the total number of vaccines administered.

COVID-19 data continues to be updated on ADCRR's dashboard at: <https://corrections.az.gov/adcr-covid-19-dashboard> ([//corrections.az.gov/adcr-covid-19-dashboard](https://corrections.az.gov/adcr-covid-19-dashboard)). Please note the data on the dashboard is cumulative back to February 2020. For the latest regarding ADCRR's COVID-19 management strategy, please visit: <https://corrections.az.gov/covid-19-management-updates> ([//corrections.az.gov/covid-19-management-updates](https://corrections.az.gov/covid-19-management-updates)).

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April 2, 2021

## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY

### ADCRR Inmates Have Received Over 6,800 Vaccines

**(PHOENIX)** - The Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry (ADCRR) continues to offer COVID-19 vaccines to inmates at its state as well as private prison facilities. The Department has received 6,540 doses thus far from the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and has administered 5,499 vaccines to date. Additionally, the private prisons have administered 1,361 vaccines. We will continue to offer the vaccines as they are allocated to the Department and will provide weekly updates on the total number of vaccines administered.

COVID-19 data continues to be updated on ADCRR's dashboard at: <https://corrections.az.gov/adcr-covid-19-dashboard> ([//corrections.az.gov/adcr-covid-19-dashboard](https://corrections.az.gov/adcr-covid-19-dashboard)). Please note the data on the dashboard is cumulative back to February 2020. For the latest regarding ADCRR's COVID-19 management strategy, please visit: <https://corrections.az.gov/covid-19-management-updates> ([//corrections.az.gov/covid-19-management-updates](https://corrections.az.gov/covid-19-management-updates)).

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March 26, 2021

## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY

### COVID-19 Inmate Vaccines Update

**(PHOENIX)**—The Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry (ADCRR) is offering COVID-19 vaccines to inmates at its 10 state complexes as well as private prison facilities. The Department has received 3,940 doses thus far from the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and has administered 3,337 total vaccines to date. Additionally, the private prisons have administered 1,034 vaccines to date. Currently, ADCRR has an inmate population of 36,768. We will continue to offer the vaccines as they are allocated to the Department and will be providing weekly updates on the total number of vaccines administered.

“We are grateful for the support of Governor Doug Ducey and our ongoing collaboration with ADHS Director, Dr. Cara Christ, in offering our inmate population the vaccine, especially those who are at higher risk for severe outcomes from COVID-19,” said ADCRR Director David Shinn. “ADCRR continues to work closely with ADHS to ensure that inmates interested in receiving the vaccine are given the opportunity to do so. It is another significant step towards keeping inmates, correctional employees and our communities safe.”

COVID-19 data continues to be updated on ADCRR’s dashboard at: <https://corrections.az.gov/adcr-covid-19-dashboard> ([//corrections.az.gov/adcr-covid-19-dashboard](https://corrections.az.gov/adcr-covid-19-dashboard)). Please note the data on the dashboard is cumulative back to February 2020. For the latest regarding ADCRR’s COVID-19 management strategy, please visit: <https://corrections.az.gov/covid-19-management-updates> ([//corrections.az.gov/covid-19-management-updates](https://corrections.az.gov/covid-19-management-updates)).

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January 15, 2021

## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY

### COVID-19 Management Strategy Update

**(PHOENIX)** — COVID-19 vaccinations are underway at ASPC-Perryville for correctional officers who are part of the 1B protective services personnel group. The officers began receiving the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccination on a voluntary basis early this morning. Next Monday, vaccinations will also begin at ASPC-Perryville for Centurion healthcare workers who are part of the 1A frontline healthcare group. Centurion is the health care provider for the ADCRR inmate population. Many Centurion healthcare providers serving ADCRR complexes have already received vaccines through state

run POD locations, with some having completed the two-dose series. ADCRR Correctional Officers are also eligible to receive the vaccine through the POD locations that are available in each Arizona county, such as the 24/7 vaccine POD located at State Farm Stadium in Glendale.

As ADCRR facilities acquire additional vaccines, distribution will begin for correctional officers (1B) and healthcare workers (1A) at other complexes. ADCRR has also formulated a comprehensive distribution plan in close collaboration with ADHS for the vaccination of inmates, starting with individuals based on age or medical conditions most at risk for complications if infected by COVID-19. The anticipated administering of vaccines to our vulnerable inmate population is dependent on the number of vaccines received, and locations where they are received. Receiving the vaccine is voluntary.

In another proactive step against COVID-19, on Tuesday, January 19, ADCRR will begin offering a second round of widespread PCR testing to its nearly 38,000 inmates. The testing, in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Health Services, will take place at all 10 complexes as well as ADCRR's private prison facilities. Last August, ADCRR became one of only a handful of state correctional agencies in the nation to mass test their entire inmate population and continues to remain in this category with a second round of mass testing.

The broad testing allows the department to identify asymptomatic spread and then isolate and group inmates as needed to mitigate COVID-19 spread in its facilities. Each test is then recorded in the individual inmate's medical record. More than 85,000 inmate tests have been conducted across our state and contract prison facilities since COVID-19 emerged last year.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the Department has been in compliance with CDC and ADHS guidelines in taking broad-steps to mitigate the risk and impact of COVID-19 in all of our facilities. Keeping our staff, inmates and communities safe continues to be our top priority.

COVID-19 data continues to be updated on ADCRR's dashboard at <https://corrections.az.gov/adcr-covid-19-dashboard> ([//corrections.az.gov/adcr-covid-19-dashboard](https://corrections.az.gov/adcr-covid-19-dashboard)). Please note the data on the dashboard is cumulative back to February. For the latest regarding ADCRR's COVID-19 management strategy, please also visit: <https://corrections.az.gov/covid-19-management-updates> ([//corrections.az.gov/covid-19-management-updates](https://corrections.az.gov/covid-19-management-updates)).

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December 28, 2020

## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY

### COVID-19 Management Strategy Update

**(PHOENIX)**—The Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry will soon begin a second round of COVID-19 testing for nearly 38,000 inmates and will make available 4,000 rapid virus tests for staff.



“Since March, more than 85,000 inmate tests have been conducted across our state and contract prison facilities,” said David Shinn, Director of ADCRR. “The health of our inmates and staff is a top priority and we continue to take proactive steps to mitigate the spread of the virus.”

The second round of inmate testing will begin in January in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Health Services. The rapid testing for staff will be deployed on an as needed basis.

In August 2020, ADCRR became one of only a handful of state correctional agencies in the nation to mass test their entire inmate population. Mass testing allows the department to identify asymptomatic spread and then isolate and group inmates as needed to mitigate COVID-19 spread in its facilities. Each test is then recorded in the individual inmate’s medical record.

In addition, ADCRR has obtained from ADHS, 4,000 BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Card Rapid Antigen tests produced by Abbott. The self-contained nasal-swab tests offer results within 15 minutes through a mobile app that will securely show a positive or negative result.

The rapid testing capability will be available to staff members including health care providers for the state’s inmate population, correction officers, professional staff, and contract staff. Training for the medical staff administering the tests will take place this week and is being offered by the Arizona Army National Guard. Utilization of the rapid tests will begin after the training is complete.

“We are grateful to Governor Doug Ducey, ADHS, and the Arizona Army National Guard for their tremendous assistance in obtaining the tests and training our health care professionals who provide medical care to our inmates,” said Shinn. “Because of these valuable partnerships, we are also able to deploy the latest developments in rapid testing to our staff members so we can continue to take the appropriate steps in identifying and mitigating the spread of the virus in our facilities.”

Health care professionals for the Department’s inmate population have also completed the process of becoming certified to administer COVID-19 vaccines and are ready to administer the vaccines during the appropriate phases.

ADCRR continues to remain vigilant on all fronts with robust COVID-19 management strategies to reduce the spread of COVID-19 at its statewide facilities. PPE and cleaning supplies are in stock, used daily, distributed to the units as needed and restocked accordingly.; The Department continues to follow CDC and ADHS guidelines for correctional facilities and has done so throughout the pandemic.

COVID-19 data continues to be updated on ADCRR’s dashboard at <https://corrections.az.gov/adcr-covid-19-dashboard> ([//corrections.az.gov/adcr-covid-19-dashboard](https://corrections.az.gov/adcr-covid-19-dashboard)). Please note the data on the dashboard is cumulative back to February. For the latest regarding ADCRR’s COVID-19 management strategy, please also visit: <https://corrections.az.gov/covid-19-management-updates> ([//corrections.az.gov/covid-19-management-updates](https://corrections.az.gov/covid-19-management-updates)).

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December 23, 2020

**ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY**

## COVID-19 Management Strategy Update

**(PHOENIX)** - The Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry is announcing the expansion of its intake capacity to address the rise in COVID-19 positive inmates being transferred from county jails.

After inmates are sentenced for their offenses, they are transferred from the custody of county jails to state prisons. COVID-19 positive inmates are kept together, separate from COVID-19 negative inmates, to help prevent transmission and keep the general population healthy. Since March, ADCRR has received more than 6,850 intakes from Arizona's 15 counties.

"With the expansion of our intake capabilities, we are able to continue to accommodate the expanding needs of our public safety partners as COVID-19 cases rise across our state," said David Shinn, ADCRR Director. "We continue to group those who test positive for the virus together upon intake, so they can receive appropriate care and medical clearance before entering into the general inmate population."

The additional intake center located at ASPC-Lewis Morey Unit will provide temporary housing for an additional 200 intakes who will be housed in a newly renovated cell environment, where they will receive services such as food delivery directly to their housing location. Each inmate housing unit at Morey includes newly configured swing doors with detention grade locks. Each unit building also includes new fire alarm systems and environmental controls (HVAC systems).

"I'm grateful to our correctional officers and professional staff that continue to define what ADCRR excellence is all about as we work to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our facilities," said Shinn.

Previously, on August 27, 2020, ADCRR opened a third intake center at the Rincon Unit at ASPC - Tucson, which provides temporary housing for 193 inmates.

COVID-19 data continues to be updated on ADCRR's dashboard at <https://corrections.az.gov/adccr-covid-19-dashboard> ([//corrections.az.gov/adccr-covid-19-dashboard](https://corrections.az.gov/adccr-covid-19-dashboard)). Please note the data on the dashboard is cumulative back to February. For the latest regarding ADCRR's COVID-19 management strategy, please also visit: <https://corrections.az.gov/covid-19-management-updates> ([//corrections.az.gov/covid-19-management-updates](https://corrections.az.gov/covid-19-management-updates)).

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December 8, 2020

**ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY**

COVID-19 Management Strategy Update

**(PHOENIX)** - As we are seeing higher numbers of COVID-19 cases in communities across the country, we are also seeing an increase in cases within our inmate population and those arriving from counties as new admissions. In response, testing was conducted recently at ASPC – Florence Globe Unit and ASPC- Yuma La Paz Unit, with 655 of those tests at La Paz coming back as positive. The testing of the populations at these units allows ADCRR to swiftly cohort, compartmentalize, and provide medical care. The La Paz Unit currently houses a total of 1,066 inmates.

Our staff, inmates and the community's safety remains our top priority. ADCRR continues to be vigilant in implementing robust COVID-19 management strategies to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in all of its facilities. We are working closely with the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS). Each prison facility had an onsite survey completed by the ADHS Infection Control Assessment and Response team which continues to be available to offer assistance.

Inmates who test positive are currently being housed separately from the rest of the unit. Comprehensive inmate services, including meals, required medication, and medical services are being brought directly to their housing location. They will not be allowed back into the general population until they have been medically cleared.

La Paz Unit inmates who did not test positive for COVID-19 are also being cohorted separately and are kept away from the general inmate population at the facility. Enhanced cleaning and sanitation throughout ASPC-Yuma is occurring continuously.

- Per CDC guidance for correctional facilities, all ADCRR inmates have been provided face coverings for their use. All inmates are required to wear face coverings upon leaving their immediate living area. All prison complex staff are also required to wear cloth face coverings.
- We are also in the process of preparing for the approval and distribution of a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine in the coming months. The health care professionals who provide medical services to the Department's inmate population are in the process of being certified to administer COVID-19 vaccines as soon as supplies become available.
- Each day, all employees entering any Arizona prison complex continue to undergo required temperature and symptom checks at each facility. All incoming admissions are tested at our intake facilities like ASPC-Phoenix, where we receive new inmate commitments from the county jails and where they are cohorted and monitored for 14 days prior to intra-system movement.
- ADCRR is one of only a handful of state correctional agencies in the country to mass test their entire inmate population. ADCRR, in collaboration with ADHS, has conducted onsite PCR testing of inmates at all of its statewide facilities, which exceeds the level of testing occurring in the community outside of our facilities.
- ADCRR continues to isolate and test inmates with flu-like symptoms and continues to re-test as needed. If necessary, inmates are transported to the hospital should they require higher levels of care.

COVID-19 data continues to be updated on ADCRR's dashboard at <https://corrections.az.gov/adcr-covid-19-dashboard> ([//corrections.az.gov/adcr-covid-19-dashboard](https://corrections.az.gov/adcr-covid-19-dashboard)). Please note the data on the dashboard is cumulative back to February. For the latest regarding ADCRR's COVID-19 management strategy, please also visit: <https://corrections.az.gov/covid-19-management-updates> ([//corrections.az.gov/covid-19-management-updates](https://corrections.az.gov/covid-19-management-updates)).

October 22, 2020

## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY

### COVID-19 Management Strategy Update

**(PHOENIX)** - Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation, and Reentry has taken significant actions to mitigate the risk and impacts of COVID-19 in its facilities. Keeping our staff, inmates, and communities safe continues to be our top priority.

To help protect the health of each inmate, staff member, family member, or friend inside the facility, contact visits will remain temporarily suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic until it is deemed safe to reopen the visitation process. Video visitation will continue for those inmates who have visitation privileges. Inmates continue to be eligible for one 30-minute video visit per week to allow as many inmates as possible to participate. No fees are associated with the video visitation.

In the future, when in-person visitation is allowed, we will make advance notice to the inmates, family members, and or friends.

To get the latest information about ADCRR's response to COVID-19, please visit our website, <https://corrections.az.gov/> ([//corrections.az.gov/](https://corrections.az.gov/))

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September 10, 2020

## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY

### COVID-19 Management Strategy Update

**(PHOENIX)** - The suspension of legal and non-legal visitation at all Arizona prison complexes remains in effect. We will continue to re-evaluate the suspension on a month by month basis.

Existing ADCRR policies for phone calls and written letters will remain in effect. During this period, CenturyLink will continue to provide inmates with two additional 15-minute phone calls per week, free of charge.

Video visitation will also continue for those inmates who have visitation privileges. Inmates continue to be eligible for one 30-minute video visit per week in order to allow as many inmates as possible to participate. No fees are associated with the video visitations.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department has taken significant actions to mitigate the risk and impacts of COVID-19 in its facilities. Keeping our staff, inmates and communities safe continues to be our top priority.

COVID-19 data continues to be updated on ADCRR's dashboard at <https://corrections.az.gov/adcrr-covid-19-dashboard> ([//corrections.az.gov/adcrr-covid-19-dashboard](https://corrections.az.gov/adcrr-covid-19-dashboard)). For the latest regarding ADCRR's COVID-19 management strategy, please visit: <https://corrections.az.gov/> ([//corrections.az.gov/](https://corrections.az.gov/)).

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August 6, 2020

## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY

### COVID-19 Management Strategy Update

**(PHOENIX)** - Effective August 13, 2020, the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry will be further extending the suspension of legal and non-legal visitation at all Arizona prison complexes, through September 13, 2020. At that time, we will continue to re-evaluate the suspension on a month by month basis.

Existing ADCRR policies for phone calls and written letters will remain in effect. During this period, CenturyLink will continue to provide inmates with two additional 15-minute phone calls per week, free of charge.

Video visitation will also continue for those inmates who have visitation privileges. Inmates continue to be eligible for one 30-minute video visit per week in order to allow as many inmates as possible to participate. No fees are associated with the video visitations.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department has taken significant actions to mitigate the risk and impacts of COVID-19 in its facilities. Keeping our staff, inmates and communities safe continues to be our top priority.

*To get the latest information about ADCRR's response to COVID-19, please visit our website, <https://corrections.az.gov/> ([//corrections.az.gov/](https://corrections.az.gov/)) and @AZCorrections on Twitter*

August 4, 2020

## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY

### COVID-19 Management Strategy Update

**(PHOENIX)** - The Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry continues to conduct PCR testing of the entire inmate population. Today, 517 inmates housed at the ASPC-Tucson Whetstone Unit have tested positive for COVID-19.

Those inmates who tested positive are currently being housed as a cohort together in separate areas and are receiving appropriate medical care. They will not be allowed back into the general population until they have been medically cleared. In addition to measures that are already in place, all inmates at Whetstone will receive meals and all required medication and medical services in their housing units.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department has taken significant actions to mitigate the risk and impacts of COVID-19 in its facilities. Keeping our staff, inmates and communities safe continues to be our top priority.

Staff in those areas are equipped with full PPE that include N-95 masks, gowns, gloves, and face shields. On July 2, inmates were provided fabric face coverings for their use. All prison complex staff have been required to wear cloth face coverings since June 15, 2020.

Rigorous cleaning throughout the unit was already in place and has been heightened as a result of the test results.

The Whetstone unit currently houses 1,066 inmates.

*ADCRR continues to post daily statewide COVID-19 statistics on our website as well as the latest COVID-19 management strategy updates at: <https://corrections.az.gov/> ([//corrections.az.gov/](https://corrections.az.gov/))*

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July 13, 2020

## **ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY**

### **COVID-19 Management Strategy Update**

**(PHOENIX)** - Effective July 13, 2020, the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry will be further extending the suspension of legal and non-legal visitation at all Arizona prison complexes, through August 13, 2020. We will then continue to re-evaluate on a month by month basis thereafter.

Video visitation will continue for those inmates who have visitation privileges. Inmates are eligible for one 15-minute video visit per week in order to allow as many inmates as possible to participate. No fees are associated with the video visitations.

Existing ADCRR policies for phone calls and written letters also remain in effect. During this period, CenturyLink will also continue to provide inmates with two additional 15-minute phone calls per week, free of charge.

Our priority remains ensuring the health and safety of inmates as well as all ADCRR employees and on-site third party partners. We continue our efforts to maintain CDC guidelines and will re-evaluate the suspension in August.

ADCRR continues to post daily statewide COVID-19 statistics on its website at <https://corrections.az.gov/> ([//corrections.az.gov/](https://corrections.az.gov/)).

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July 2, 2020

## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY

### COVID-19 Management Strategy Update

(PHOENIX) - As part of the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry measures to enhance COVID-19 prevention during the evolving pandemic, ADCRR has distributed fabric face coverings to all inmates for their use. This includes ADCRR's third-party-operated prison complexes and inmates arriving at ADCRR's intake facility in Phoenix.

All inmates are encouraged to wear the face coverings at all times while participating in activities in which social distancing is not possible. Exceptions to this include general activities such as sleeping, eating or when staff may need to positively identify an inmate.

The face coverings have been made by inmates at ADCRR's Douglas and Florence complexes through the [Arizona Correctional Industries](https://aci.az.gov/) (<https://aci.az.gov/>) (ACI) garment program, which has been in operation for more than 30 years. ACI, a division of the ADCRR, was developed more than 35 years ago to provide structured programming to create opportunities for offenders to develop marketable skills and strong work habits. ACI inmate programs allow inmates to be paid for their work.

Consistent with CDC guidance for correctional facilities and ADCRR Infectious Disease Protocols, ADCRR continues to separate any inmates who exhibit flu-like symptoms from the general population. ADCRR is also working with the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) to test all inmates at each complex.

Currently, all ADCRR officers and staff are required to wear face coverings. All employees entering Arizona prison complexes continue to undergo required temperature and symptom checks at each facility. ADCRR continues to communicate with staff and inmates about how they can reduce the risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

*To get the latest information about ADCRR's response to COVID-19, please visit our website, <https://corrections.az.gov/> ([//corrections.az.gov/](https://corrections.az.gov/)) and @AZCorrections on Twitter.*

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June 12, 2020

## **ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY**

### **COVID-19 Management Strategy Update**

(PHOENIX) – The Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry today announced COVID-19 antibody (serology) testing at Arizona State Prison Complex (ASPC) Florence for employees and ADCRR contract staff. Starting Tuesday, June 16 through Thursday, June 18, COVID-19 serology testing will be initiated through an onsite testing process. As part of Governor Ducey’s work to expand COVID-19 testing across Arizona, the Department is working to prioritize serology testing for all correctional officers and employees working within a prison complex.

Sonora Quest Laboratories will be conducting the tests which will take about 5-10 minutes each. These tests will help identify those who have had exposure to the virus, and those that have developed antibodies.

“This is an exceptional opportunity for the Department to provide COVID-19 testing to our brave frontline men and women who continue to serve the public as first responders throughout the pandemic,” said David Shinn, Director of ADCRR. “I wish to thank ADHS director, Dr. Cara Christ for her continued support and guidance for the thousands of essential employees doing their job each day in our state facilities.”

ADCRR maintains a vigilant posture with rigorous ongoing symptom checks across all of its state complexes including temperature checks for everyone entering facilities. COVID-19 data continues to be updated on ADCRR’s dashboard at <https://corrections.az.gov/adccr-covid-19-dashboard> ([//corrections.az.gov/adccr-covid-19-dashboard](https://corrections.az.gov/adccr-covid-19-dashboard)). For the latest regarding ADCRR’s COVID-19 management strategy, please also visit: <https://corrections.az.gov/> ([//corrections.az.gov/](https://corrections.az.gov/)).

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June 10, 2020

## **ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION & REENTRY**

### **COVID-19 Management Strategy Update**

(PHOENIX) –Effective June 13, 2020, the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry will be further extending the suspension of legal and non-legal visitation at all Arizona prison complexes for an additional 30 days, through July 13, 2020.

Video visitation was successfully implemented on May 10, 2020 and will continue for those inmates who have visitation privileges. Inmates are eligible for one 15-minute video visit per week in order to allow as many inmates as possible to participate. No fees are associated with the video visitations.



Video visitation days are Saturday through Tuesday and subject to timeslot availability.

Visitors may schedule their appointments on Thursdays and Fridays for the upcoming week.

Tablets and headsets are cleaned and sanitized between each use.

Existing ADCRR policies for phone calls and written letters also remain in effect. During this period, CenturyLink will continue to provide inmates with two additional 15-minute phone calls per week, free of charge.

Our priority remains ensuring the health and safety of inmates as well as all ADCRR employees and on-site third party partners. We continue our efforts to maintain CDC guidelines and will re-evaluate the suspension in July.

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May 28, 2020

## **ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY**

### **COVID-19 Management Strategy Update**

(PHOENIX) – The Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry today announced enhanced COVID-19 PCR testing at Arizona State Prison Complex (ASPC) in Yuma, part of a statewide plan to provide testing to all correctional officers and prison employees. As part of Governor Ducey’s work to expand COVID-19 testing across Arizona, the Department is working to prioritize serology testing for all correctional officers in addition to this PCR program in Yuma.

Starting Tuesday through Thursday, May 28, COVID-19 PCR swab testing is taking place through an onsite mobile testing process at the Yuma complex so ADCRR’s hard working men and women do not have to travel to off-site testing locations. More than 1,200 staff members including 890 correctional officers as well as contract employees at the facility are able to participate. The testing is being conducted by the [Regional Center for Border Health, Inc \(https://www.rcfbh.org/\)](https://www.rcfbh.org/), based in Somerton, Arizona, following a partnership with the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), Senator Lisa Otondo, Representative Charlene Fernandez and Representative Geraldine Peten.

“This is an exceptional bipartisan example of people coming together in service for the greater good in providing COVID-19 testing to our brave frontline men and women who continue to define public service throughout the pandemic,” said David Shinn, Director of ADCRR. “I wish to thank Sen. Otondo for reaching out regarding staff-wide testing at Yuma and also wish to thank ADHS director, Dr. Cara Christ and Representatives Fernandez and Peten along with Amanda Aguirre, President and CEO of the Regional Center for Border Health for their collaboration.”

“I’m thrilled that LD4 Democrats were able to collaborate with the Arizona Department of Corrections, Director Shinn and the Regional Center for Border Health to bring 1,000 COVID Tests to Yuma Prison. Amanda Aguirre and her staff stepped up and stepped forward to help. Words are not enough to describe how deeply grateful I am to Amanda and her staff for the life-saving work they are doing in Arizona,” said Senator Otondo.

ADCRR maintains a vigilant posture with rigorous ongoing symptom checks across all of its state complexes including temperature checks for everyone entering facilities. COVID-19 data continues to be updated on ADCRR's dashboard at <https://corrections.az.gov/adcr-covid-19-dashboard> ([//corrections.az.gov/adcr-covid-19-dashboard](https://corrections.az.gov/adcr-covid-19-dashboard)). For the latest regarding ADCRR COVID-19 management strategy, please also visit: <https://corrections.az.gov/> ([//corrections.az.gov/](https://corrections.az.gov/)).

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May 8, 2020

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(PHOENIX) –The Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry is offering temporary video visitation beginning on Sunday, May 10, 2020, to coincide with Mother's Day. This temporary program is intended to provide an opportunity for families to remain connected during the suspension of visitation that has been extended across all complexes through June 13, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Video visitation will be available to approved visitors and inmates who have visitation privileges. Inmates are eligible for one 15-minute video visit per week in order to allow as many inmates as possible to participate. Initially, no fees are associated with the video visitations.

Visitors may schedule their appointments on Thursdays and Fridays for the following week. The current video visitation days are Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, with scheduling subject to time slot availability. Each tablet, along with headsets, will be cleaned and sanitized between visits.

Families and friends participating in video visitation must have a valid email address, access to a desktop/laptop or a cell phone equipped with camera/mic, and the latest version of the Google Meet app. A meeting invitation code will be provided by the complex.

Existing phone call and written letter privileges remain in place for inmates, along with two additional 15-minute phone calls per week, provided at no charge by CenturyLink, ADCRR's phone and internet provider.

*The latest data and COVID-19 Management Strategy Updates can be found on our website at <https://corrections.az.gov/> ([//corrections.az.gov/](https://corrections.az.gov/)).*

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May 1, 2020

## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY

### COVID-19 Management Strategy Update

(PHOENIX) –The Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry has updated the information on its website dashboard related to COVID-19. The dashboard will now include additional data reflecting the number of inmate deaths attributed to COVID-19 based upon the initial clinical conclusion of physicians and subsequently, the final forensic determination of the county medical examiner as those become available.

In addition, the dashboard will now reflect the number of ADCRR staff members who have reported having tested positive for COVID-19, as well as those staff members who have been medically cleared to return to work.

ADCRR is also revising previously reported data on the number of inmates who have tested positive for COVID-19. This revision is being made in order to ensure accuracy due to a handful of inmates who were tested more than once out of an abundance of caution. Inadvertently, a handful of tests were counted more than once (multiple tests for the same person were reported initially as individual positive cases). The revised data is now posted on ADCRR's website.

The Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation & Reentry is required by statute (A.R.S. § 11-593(B)(4)) to report all inmate deaths. The county Medical Examiner is required by statute (A.R.S. § 11-594(A)(2)) to conduct a death investigation and potential autopsy of all inmate deaths. Upon completion of the death investigation and any autopsy, the county Medical Examiner is required by statute (A.R.S. § 11-594(A)(3)(5)) to certify the cause and manner of death and to promptly execute a death certificate indicating the cause and manner of death.

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April 10, 2020

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### COVID-19 Management Strategy Update

(Phoenix)—Effective today, the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry is posting the latest COVID19 statistics on our website. The dashboard will provide statistics for statewide Arizona Prison Complexes and can be found at <https://corrections.az.gov/> ([//corrections.az.gov/](https://corrections.az.gov/)). It will be updated daily.

The ADCRR will also continue to provide the latest updates related to our response to the COVID-19 pandemic on our website and on social media.

*Get the latest information about ADCRR's response to COVID-19 by visiting our website, <https://corrections.az.gov/> ([//corrections.az.gov/](https://corrections.az.gov/)), and @AZCorrections on Twitter.*

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