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TO: Community Corrections Staff

FROM: Mac Pevey, Assistant Secretary
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SUBJECT: CCD Programming

As part of the Agency's COVID-19 response and in order to ensure the health and safety of our staff, those in our care, and the community, effective March 16, 2020, Secretary Sinclair has directed the suspension of all DOC staff facilitated offender change groups statewide. This suspension includes all Thinking 4 Change (T4C) and Sex Offender Treatment (SOTAP) groups.

It is the expectation that facilitators and therapists contact the participants and inform them of the suspension of programming. Participants will be informed that once programming resumes, they will pick up where they left off with the expectation that they complete the program.

During the period of time these groups are suspended, facilitators and therapists will be expected to maintain regular contact with those individuals enrolled in these programs. Contact should regularly occur by phone in lieu of group participation. T4C facilitators will also be expected to assist in their local field office as directed/requested by the onsite Community Corrections Supervisor.

It is important to understand that this programming has been suspended based on an agency decision and individuals participating should not be violated for failure to participate in programming during the suspension period.

For T4C facilitators, the Fidelity Unit will continue to be responsive to facilitators and will support them during this time as needed. Similarly, the Community Program Manager for SOTAP will continue to provide clinical support to all therapists.

Please remember to always protect yourself from potential exposure, utilizing the following methods:

- Wash your hands
- Sanitize surfaces as you would normally
- Wash your hands
- Cover your cough/sneeze
- Wash your hands
- Stay home if you are sick

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We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we work through this serious event. Please remember that this is a fluid situation and information is received on a regular basis that may require us to make immediate changes. We will communicate those changes as we are able.

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