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TO: Incarcerated Individuals and Work Release Residents

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SUBJECT: Temporary Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) reporting and support services

In response to the recent COVID-19 crisis, the Department of Corrections must implement the following temporary changes to incarcerated individual or work release resident access to victim advocacy support services and the ability to report PREA-related information to an external organization.

Victim Advocacy Support Services

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, our advocacy support service partners have reported they are not able to provide in-person advocacy support services either during forensic medical examinations or at the facility as part of existing services.

They will still provide services to incarcerated individuals and work release residents via the telephone line system. Brochures and posters are available with contact information. Please remember that these calls do not require the use of an IPIN and are not recorded. Telephone support will also be arranged following a forensic medical examination and resulting interviews associated with these investigations. You are encouraged to reach out for support as needed and contact staff if you have any difficulties making connections.

External (Colorado) Reporting

Due to office closures, the Colorado Department of Corrections is currently unable to receive PREA-related information from incarcerated individuals using DOC form 21-379, *Report of Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Allegation*. Any forms deposited in grievance boxes will be forwarded to the Shift Commander or Work Release Supervisor to address. If you submitted a report within the last week, please understand that it has not been received and forwarded per policy. We encourage you to re-report this information. Please continue to use existing processes to report any PREA allegations and information,

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to include the hotline, kites, grievances, verbal reports to any staff member and legal mail addressed to the PREA Coordinator.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation during these temporary changes. Please contact facility/location staff for any questions you have regarding these changes.

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