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To: All reentry, prisons and community corrections staff

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Subject: Staff pre-deployment medical clearance/respirator clearance

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Corrections continues to deploy staff to facilities across the state to help minimize the impact of the virus to our organization by assisting with staffing and pandemic response. To keep our deploying staff safe, it's critical you obtain a medical clearance and an N95 fit test.

If you are volunteering to deploy to assist another facility, please help us reduce the impact to that facility by ensuring you've completed your respirator medical clearance and N95 fit test at your home facility prior to deploying.

If you are currently fit tested for our full-face masks or other respirators, the medical requirements identified in 890.090 Respirator Program are satisfied and all that is required is an N95 fit test. Staff new to the DOC respirator program should follow the instructions on the iDOC Respirator Program webpage. When able, deploying staff should be fit-tested on the BYD N95 in order to manage statewide respirator supplies. When a fit test cannot be achieved using the BYD N95, alternate N95s are approved for wear.

If deploying staff are unable to meet respirator program requirements prior to deployment, we ask that you please contact the respirator program administrator at the facility to which you're deploying to complete your medical clearance and fit test upon your arrival.

Thank you for your service to the Department of Corrections, your assistance to your fellow staff and your commitment to public health and safety during this difficult time.