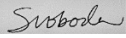





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To: All Prisons Staff

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Incident Commanders  
Prisons/Health Services Unified Command

Subject: Use of hand dryers in prison facilities

Recently information was distributed prohibiting the use of electric hand dryers in our correctional facilities due to COVID-19 concerns.

After further discussion, the Prisons/Health Services Unified Command along with the COVID-19 Medical Group has reconsidered this position to allow the use of electric hand dryers.

We ask that you continue to strictly reinforce [healthy hand hygiene practices](#) and restock hand hygiene supplies throughout the facility on a continual basis. These supplies should be in all bathrooms, dining halls, kitchens, medical and common areas.

Hand hygiene supplies include:

- Soap or hand sanitizer (containing at least 60% alcohol)
- Running water
- Electric hand dryer or paper towels

Thank you for your assistance in keeping our facilities safe and healthy!

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