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TO: All incarcerated individuals and work release residents

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SUBJECT: Corrections extends movie contract through June 30, 2021

Several months ago, in an effort to provide additional activities for you during times of limited movement and available programming due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Corrections expanded its contract with a national movie licensing company to additional correctional facilities and work releases. This company works with correctional facilities, colleges, K-12 schools, public libraries and other entities that want to show major motion pictures legally to audiences on their property.

Before the agency pursued expansion of the contract, policy limited the showing of movies under the license to reception centers only. COVID-19 restrictions limiting programming, visiting and other privileges caused us to reconsider the contract to allow movies to be shown at other facilities across the state.

The department recently made the decision to extend the contracts for correctional and work release facilities from Oct. 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, due to continued COVID-19 related privilege restrictions. The expansion of these licenses is temporary and we will reevaluate next year to determine whether we will extend it beyond June 2021.

As we continue to work through the challenges we face due to COVID-19, we hope this temporary enhancement helps make life a little better for everyone. Thank you for everything you do!