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**TO:** All Incarcerated Individuals  
**FROM:** *Arminda Miller* *Ronna Cole*  
Arminda Miller and Ronna Cole  
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**SUBJECT:** Resuming Routine Searches

The Department of Corrections will be resuming its routine searches, effective November 9, 2020. As you are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused temporary changes and modifications to our normal search practices.

Presently, searches are conducted based on suspicion. Routine searches resuming include pat searches, cell searches, strip searches and staff searches.

The department is committed to do all that it can to minimize the chances of COVID-19 transmission. Correctional staff doing searches will wear proper personal protective equipment (PPE) as the agency's clinical team has defined in the department's COVID-19 PPE Matrix.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we continue to work through this pandemic in as safe a manner as possible.

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Cc: Robert Herzog, Assistant Secretary, Prisons  
All Prisons Deputy Directors  
All Superintendents