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TO: All Work Release Residents
All Incarcerated Individuals

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SUBJECT: Suspension of Transfers to Work Release

Effective **November 12, 2020** the transfer of MII and MIG individuals to work/training release facilities is suspended, for a minimum of 14 days, in an effort to increase the ability to socially distance in work/training release locations. The suspension will be reassessed after the Thanksgiving holiday, on November 30, 2020.

This action is due to the increased number of positive COVID-19 cases in communities across our state. To preserve the health and wellbeing of everyone involved, it is critically important that we all continue to stay physically six feet or more apart from one another when possible, wash our hands frequently, and properly wear the appropriate PPE.

We understand there can be fatigue around these protocols and by continuing to follow these necessary steps, we can remain safe and healthy.

RB,MK,MO,RC:rn.

cc: Rob Herzog, Assistant Secretary Prisons Division
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