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TO: All Prisons Staff
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RE: Temporary Suspension of EFV Applications

This year continues to present many challenges for individuals in all walks of life. The Washington State Department of Corrections remains committed to finding ways to keep families connected during this time and are taking steps to provide options that can be completed considering the safety and health of families, friends, staff and individuals in our custody.

With many of our regular resources prioritized to assist in the response to COVID-19, we have temporarily suspended the acceptance of new Extended Family Visit (EFV) applications effective December 10, 2020.

Once we can resume the normal application process and can expect reinstatement of the program, we will process the applications already received and begin to accept new applications. At that time we will provide an update, post the alert on the DOC public website, and share the information during our family council meetings.

Application packets that are currently under review, will remain at the Statewide Visit Unit level until the process is resumed. After December 10, 2020, no new packets will be accepted, and any existing requests that were still at the facility level will need to remain there pending program reinstatement.

Please notify individuals who have started the application process with their counselors whose applications had not yet been sent to Headquarters for processing. A memo is being distributed to all incarcerated individuals so they are aware of the temporary change.

cc: All Superintendents
All Public Information Officers
Prisons/Health Services Command
Statewide Visit Unit