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TO: All Incarcerated Individuals and Residents

FROM: 
Stephen Sinclair, Secretary

SUBJECT: Mandatory Use of Surgical Masks

Effective March 4, 2021, all incarcerated individuals and residents will be required to wear a surgical mask whenever they are outside their cell/room or leave their assigned bunk in an open dorm setting. The requirement will remain in place until further notice.

New surgical masks will be available for daily replacement or when your mask is wet or soiled. Surgical masks will be worn when outdoors or during heavy exercise, but should be replaced soon after activity if the mask becomes wet.

It is important for everyone to continue to follow COVID-19 protocols, socially distance, properly wear surgical mask, wash hands frequently, and clean/sanitize areas to mitigate the spread of the virus. Your dedication to these efforts are appreciated.