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TO: All Work Release Supervisors
All Work Release Residents

FROM: David Ganas, Work Release Administrator

SUBJECT: Work Release Resuming Contact Visitation

We are happy to share with you that as of August 16, 2021, Work Release will be resuming the scheduling of contact visitation for residents not yet approved for social outings or if sponsors do not have means to facilitate social outings, except where otherwise prohibited by policy.

Approved residents will be able to have between one to six approved visitors of any age, depending on facility visitation area to ensure social distancing and capacity restrictions. The visiting party may not exceed the designated capacity of the facility visitation area. Infants and children are counted as visitors.

Approved visitors may schedule visits for two (2) hours/up to two (2) hours during designated days and time periods which will be designated by each facility. Facilities will provide specific information on how to schedule.

Please be mindful that searches have fully resumed, and all people entering work release facilities are subject to search.

There may be instances where COVID-19 may still impact operations and visitation may be cancelled or temporarily suspended as a result. Visitors who had a confirmed visit session during an outbreak will not be guaranteed a rescheduled visit in the same month. We will continue to utilize the visit alert process as operations allows.

For more information please review the [Work Release Visitation Guidelines](#).

We understand that the pandemic has been a trying time for all, and while we are happy to announce the resumption of contact visitation, remaining vigilant and following COVID-19 protocols remain essential.

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