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Memorandum

To: Men and Women in Custody

From: Alyssa Williams, Chief of Programs and Support Services

Date: March 20, 2020

Subject: Administrative Quarantine

Dear Men and Women in the care of the Illinois Department of Corrections:

We are facing unprecedented circumstances across the United States and State of Illinois. Out of an abundance of caution, we are instituting an Administrative Quarantine effective immediately. Administrative Quarantine is an intentional form of restricted movement within a facility to accommodate for unusual needs or circumstances, such as a pandemic outbreak. This measure must be taken to ensure the health and safety of those who live and work in our facilities. We are asking for your assistance to minimize the difficulties you will face during this time.

We will continue to ensure you receive all necessary treatment and services, while finding creative ways to deliver programs vital to your success. We are working to minimize the impact on current Earned Program Sentence Credit contracts through alternative programming.

The Department will continue offering the following services:

- Showers
- Access to the phone and GTL kiosks
- Cleaning supplies
- Law Library
- Commissary



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Please be aware that our medical and mental health staff are stretched thin and need to be focusing on our most vulnerable patients at this time. Please continue to utilize proper procedure for sick call and mental health evaluations.

To ensure your voice is being heard, we are instituting a virtual "suggestion box" via GTL, in addition to physical suggestion boxes at all facilities. We have also partnered with GTL to provide additional free services that will be announced at a later date.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work through this difficult situation together.

Alyssa Williams
Chief of Programs and Support Services