

FAQ's for Stateville Transfers

1. Q: Why is the Department transferring my loved one from Stateville?

A: A preliminary injunction has been entered in *Dobbey et al., v. Weilding et al.*, USDC-NDIL Case No. 13-1068, a class action lawsuit regarding the structural condition of the Stateville buildings. The Court issued the following order:

- **The Illinois Department of Corrections must transfer all individuals in custody (except those housed in Stateville's Healthcare Unit) from Stateville by September 30, 2024.**
- **The Illinois Department of Corrections must provide the court with periodic updates on the progress of these transfers.**

2. Q: My loved one has been approved for a transfer from another facility. How will the Stateville transfers impact my loved one's wait time for their approved transfer?

A: We will continue to honor approved transfer requests as beds become available. However, individuals transferring from Stateville will be prioritized due to a federal court order requiring transfers from Stateville to be completed by September 30.

3. Q: If my loved one is moved from Stateville to a facility where they do not wish to be housed, how long do they have to wait to request another transfer?

A: Individuals in IDOC custody transferring from Stateville may request a transfer to another facility through their assigned counselor after they have remained in their placement for three (3) months. More information on the transfer request process is available [here](#) on our website.

Note: This is an exception to IDOC's policy that requires an individual to remain at a facility for a period of six (6) months before requesting a transfer. It only applies to a transfer request made by individuals transferred from Stateville pursuant to the federal court order.

4. Q: How soon will we see transfers begin to happen?

A: Our anticipated timeline for transfers of individuals in custody is in line with the order issued by the Court, which requires IDOC to complete transfers from Stateville by September 30. Our priority is ensuring the safety and security of everyone involved during the transfer process, which prevents us from disclosing the specific date of transfer for individuals or groups.

5. Q: How long will it take before all transfers are complete?

A: The Department is taking action to comply with the Court's order to transfer all individuals in custody (except those housed in Stateville's Healthcare Unit) from Stateville by September 30, 2024.

6. Q: How can family learn of the new location of our loved one?

A: To locate and be advised of the status of an individual in custody, including release date information, please utilize the search function via the IDOC website: [Individual in Custody Search \(illinois.gov\)](https://www.idoc.state.il.us/Individual-in-Custody-Search)

7. Q: How will the transfers affect already scheduled visits?

A: Previously scheduled visits will continue until all Individuals have been transferred. Visitors are strongly encouraged to contact the facility prior to traveling to ensure that their loved one is still at the facility.

8. Q: Will my loved one's property be transferred in the same way as any other transfer?

A: Yes. Your loved one's personal property, except approved medical equipment, must fit into the assigned personal property storage box and/or correspondence storage box. Personal belongings do not include legal materials, which are stored separately in sealed legal correspondence boxes and/or cardboard storage boxes. Your loved one's boxes will be inventoried by Department staff, transferred with your loved one, and distributed as soon as possible by the receiving facility. During orientation at the receiving facility, Individuals will receive information regarding what property is allowed.

The Department strongly recommends that individuals manage any excess personal property before the transfer. Any items that cannot fit into their personal property storage box and correspondence storage box should be:

- ***Mailed at their own expense,***
- ***Picked up at the facility during visiting hours by a person designated in writing, and/or***
- ***Requested in writing to be destroyed.***

9. Q: Will their visit list be transferred with them? How long will we have to wait for visiting and phone calls?

A: Visiting lists will transfer with the individual. If a new phone and visiting list are needed, one will be provided during orientation at their newly assigned facility. These lists will be processed as soon as possible.

Note: This is an exception to IDOC's policy that requires an individual to complete a visiting list upon being transferred. It only applies to individuals transferring from Stateville pursuant to the Court's order.

10. Q: My loved one is currently involved in programming and earning sentence credit. If they are moved before program completion, will they still receive sentence credits?

A: Individuals in custody shall have their goal period revised and receive EPSC until the last date of program attendance at Stateville, provided satisfactory progress has been made towards achieving stated goals.

11. Will my loved one be able to access programming after they transfer to a new facility?

A: Yes, eligible Individuals will be able to enroll in programming at their receiving facility.

12. Q: Will my loved one be allowed to mail excess property home? What does that process look like?

A: Yes, they can notify their counselor that they have excess property and will be allowed to mail their property at their own expense.

13. Q: I am an attorney, and my client will be relocated as a result of the closure/rebuild process. How will I make arrangements for phone calls and visits?

A: Attorneys should review the IDOC website in order to determine which facility their client has been transferred to. Attorneys should then contact the receiving facility directly to request a meeting/phone call with your client. The clinical services department will be able to assist with your request.

14. Q: Will my loved one's medical concerns be addressed?

A: The Department considered many factors when determining placements and prioritized medical and mental health needs along with physical mobility needs. The healthcare staff at receiving facilities will interview newly transferred individuals in custody, reviewing their medical history and providing information on how to access medical care.

Individuals transferring from Stateville may have medical permits for physical mobility issues or other reasons. These permits may include slow walk, low gallery, low bunk or permit an assistive device. Assistive mobility devices will be transferred with the Individual. Additional medical equipment will be packed in storage boxes, clearly marked with the Individual's name and identification number. It will be inventoried by Department staff, transferred with the Individual and distributed as soon as possible by the receiving facility. Individuals in custody who are being transferred and have active medical permits in place, shall have permits honored, until such time as the receiving facility's medical provider has an opportunity to evaluate the individual in custody and make a determination that the permit should be continued and/ or discontinued.

15. Q: Will my loved one have to update medical release forms following the transfer?

A: No. The medical file, including medical releases, transfer with an individual in custody to the receiving facility.