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Wisconsin Department of Corrections Modifies Operations due to Executive Order #7

MADISON – As Governor Tony Evers signed [Executive Order #7](#), the Department of Corrections (DOC) is canceling all public visitation at DOC facilities and strongly encouraging DOC staff who can to stay home. While state buildings are closed, DOC security and facility staff will continue to maintain a safe environment for staff and those in our care. Public safety is the Department’s first priority.

Secretary Carr said, “Many of our staff will need to report for work regardless of the weather as their positions are imperative to public safety. I want to thank all of our staff who will travel to work tomorrow to continue our mission of keeping our communities safe. Your dedication to the Department and the citizens of Wisconsin is greatly appreciated.”

Staff who have more flexibility to work from home, take a leave day, or make-up missed time are strongly encouraged to review their options and stay home if possible. Secretary Carr has instructed Administrators to allow staff to utilize these options if possible.

Our Divisions have reviewed Governor Evers’ Executive Order and will take the following steps on Jan. 30, 2019:

- Visitation at Division of Adult Institutions facilities statewide are canceled.
- Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake Schools will honor visitors who arrive, but no visiting bus is scheduled.
- The Division of Juvenile Corrections and the Division of Community Corrections canceled all home visits, office visits, and non-essential travel.
- Authorized Probation and Parole Offices may continue to serve as warming stations.

As public safety is the main goal of the Department of Corrections, we strive to make sure our staff are safe, as well as those in our care. Thank you to all staff who continue our mission of public safety.

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