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INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19 IN ARIZONA PRISONS

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Hello,

We are writing you about the coronavirus, or COVID-19. We are sending everyone who writes to us the basic information that we have about the virus. This packet includes information from the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC). **Please understand that the situation is changing every day. We do not know if this information is or will be accurate by the time it reaches you.**

On March 16, we filed an emergency motion in federal court in the *Parsons* case, which our office brought with the ACLU and other attorneys regarding the health care in the ten Arizona state prisons, and conditions in max custody. (*Parsons* does not cover the private for-profit prisons). We asked that the judge order ADC to work with the court expert to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent and manage COVID-19 in Arizona prisons, including patient education; screening, testing, treatment, and housing of class members; provision of hygiene and cleaning supplies; health care and custody staffing plans; coordination with community hospitals and among the ten prisons; and reduction of the population for class members who are high risk according to the standards set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Your loved ones in the community can find the court filings on our website: <https://prisonlaw.com/news/arizona-covid-19/> Unfortunately, the judge denied the motion on March 23, 2020.

On March 18, ADC announced that they would stop charging people, including indigent people, for soap and hygiene supplies. They said that all prisoners could request soap free of charge from health care or correctional staff. They also said that they would not charge the \$4 copay to anybody with cold or flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, or shortness of breath) in an HNR. Finally, they said that they would start weekly “deep cleans” of living units, and provided people with more access to cleaning products. ADC has shut down visiting, and most off-site inmate work assignments to prevent the spread of the virus. **Enclosed are copies of ADC’s media updates through April 7, 2020.**

We went back to the court after ADC refused to provide us the names of the incarcerated people who had been tested for COVID-19. On April 2, 2020, Judge Roslyn Silver issued an order instructing ADC to provide the attorneys for incarcerated people the names of every person tested for COVID-19, as well as the results. In her order, she wrote

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that “Defendants’ response gives the impression that they are willfully blind to the Stipulation’s *raison d’etre*—which is to provide for prisoners’ health care through diagnostic testing and treatment.” She also identified that ADC’s refusal to provide this information to the attorneys for incarcerated people could reflect “Defendants’ failure to accept what may be a grave threat facing the prisoner population”

We have been contacted by numerous incarcerated people and their families about the possibility of getting released early or temporarily from ADC custody. This is outside of the scope of the *Parsons* case, and the judge in our case cannot order you released. In addition, unlike many other governors in other states who have taken such actions to release vulnerable populations or people who are close to their release date, Governor Doug Ducey has said repeatedly that he will not consider releasing incarcerating people. Under Arizona law, the only way that an incarcerated person can be released early for medical reasons is if they go before the Arizona Board of Executive Clemency in an “imminent danger of death” hearing if the medical provider completes a written prognosis statement that there is a reasonable certainty that the person’s medical condition will result in death within four (4) months from the point of application. If you want more information about the clemency application process, we can send you a handout that was prepared by Post-Conviction Clinic at Arizona State University that includes the application forms. If you want a free copy of the handout, please write us back and request it.

We are also aware that a few county public defender offices are investigating whether they could possibly file petitions for resentencing on behalf of former clients who are serving prison terms but are very ill. You can try contacting the public defender office for the county from which you were convicted. Again, we cannot assist you in this, nor can we look up who was your attorney in your criminal case.

We have received numerous reports from incarcerated people and their families that the changes in policies about cleaning and hygiene supplies haven’t happened, and there is limited amounts of soap and cleaning supplies. We are very concerned about people’s safety in Arizona prisons, as it is hard to establish “social distancing” practices in crowded prisons, and the medical care was inadequate prior to the pandemic. You can write and let us know how the prison is responding to COVID-19. Your family can contact us via email at office@prisonlaw.com. That information helps us in our advocacy and enforcement efforts. A postage-prepaid envelope is enclosed. The State of California has ordered residents to shelter in place until further notice, in response to COVID-19. As a result, Prison Law Office staff are working remotely. There may be a delay in processing correspondence, including emails and letters. We apologize for any inconvenience, and we appreciate your patience.

A number of reporters are interested in learning more about what ADC is doing to prevent and manage COVID-19, and want to hear about the experiences of people in the Arizona prisons. You or your families can contact them via U.S. Mail or email.

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The Impact of COVID-19 On Receiving Specialty Care

It is also possible that any outside specialty medical care you need may be delayed. In addition to limits on transfers between and out of the prisons, many medical services are delayed both inside and outside prison – for both incarcerated people and people in the community – because doctors are responding to the COVID-19 emergency. Additionally, on March 19, 2020, Governor Ducey issued an executive order stopping all non-essential surgeries in Arizona, so that hospitals and providers can continue offering vital services. According to the executive order, a non-essential surgery is “a surgery that can be delayed without undue risk to the current or future health of the patient.” The order also states that “a licensed medical professional shall use their best medical judgment in determining whether a surgery is non-essential or elective.” If you believe you need the specialty care now, we

recommend that you submit a grievance. If your symptoms worsen, we recommend that you submit an HNR to let your provider know. You can send us any response you receive. We will review it and see if we can help.

Important Advice Regarding COVID-19 / Coronavirus

Public Health experts say it is crucial to avoid close contact with (stay six feet from) people as much as possible in order to avoid spreading the virus, and to reduce the chances of catching it. Many people who have the virus have no symptoms or only minor ones, so you might not know if you are infected and at risk of spreading it to others. It is safest to assume that anyone can have the virus, and to reduce contact in order to protect the most vulnerable people (the elderly and people with preexisting medical conditions). **If you have flu-like symptoms – a fever (high temperature), body aches, cough, or shortness of breath – you should let staff know right away**, including by putting in a HNR. Tell any staff member at any time if you have an emergency or urgent health care problem. Enclosed is information from the Centers for Disease Control about COVID-19.

We are very concerned about the well-being of every person in the prison system. This is a very stressful time for everyone in our country and world, but especially for people who are locked up and their loved ones. Please take care, stay well, and look out for one another.

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What you need to know about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

Can people in the U.S. get COVID-19?

Yes. COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in parts of the United States. Risk of infection with COVID-19 is higher for people who are close contacts of someone known to have COVID-19, for example healthcare workers, or household members. Other people at higher risk for infection are those who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19. Learn more about places with ongoing spread at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html#geographic>.

Have there been cases of COVID-19 in the U.S.?

Yes. The first case of COVID-19 in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020. The current count of cases of COVID-19 in the United States is available on CDC's webpage at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>.

How does COVID-19 spread?

The virus that causes COVID-19 probably emerged from an animal source, but is now spreading from person to person. The virus is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It also may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. Learn what is known about the spread of newly emerged coronaviruses at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath

What are severe complications from this virus?

Some patients have pneumonia in both lungs, multi-organ failure and in some cases death.

How can I help protect myself?

People can help protect themselves from respiratory illness with everyday preventive actions.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

What should I do if I recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19?

If you have traveled from an affected area, there may be restrictions on your movements for up to 2 weeks. If you develop symptoms during that period (fever, cough, trouble breathing), seek medical advice. Call the office of your health care provider before you go, and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. While sick, avoid contact with people, don't go out and delay any travel to reduce the possibility of spreading illness to others.

Is there a vaccine?

There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to take everyday preventive actions, like avoiding close contact with people who are sick and washing your hands often.

Is there a treatment?

There is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19. People with COVID-19 can seek medical care to help relieve symptoms.



cdc.gov/COVID19

March 13, 2020
Arizona Department of Corrections, Reentry and Rehabilitation Announces New
Actions To Mitigate COVID-19 Risk

The Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry announced today that visitation at all Arizona prison complexes will be suspended for 30 days, effective immediately, after which time the suspension will be re-evaluated. With additional cases of COVID-19 expected in Arizona, the Department is taking this action to mitigate the potential spread of COVID-19 within our prisons and its impact on staff and inmates, as well as to ensure the continued effective operation of the state correctional system in the service of public safety. This is a proactive step, and the Department currently does not have any confirmed cases within our community.

“My top priority is to ensure the safety and well-being of all of our employees, inmates and those that visit our complexes,” said Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry Director David Shinn. “Following similar steps taken at the federal level, this action aims to mitigate the risk COVID-19 poses for our facilities. We will continue to coordinate closely with Arizona’s public health officials as this situation evolves and communicate measures taken to protect the health of our community members.”

The suspension of visitation includes non-contact visits and applies to facilities operated by the Department as well as third-party operated facilities. Our policies for phone calls and written letters remain in effect, and inmates will have access to two 15-minute phone calls per week free of charge during this period. We will continue to post updates about the Department’s response to COVID-19 on our website. For more information and the latest updates on COVID-19, please visit the Arizona Department of Health Services at [AZHealth.gov/COVID19](https://azhealth.gov/COVID19).

In addition to this step, the Department continues to implement our existing Communicable Disease and Infection Control protocols. We are communicating with staff and inmates about how they can reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19, including washing hands, sanitizing surfaces, covering coughs and sneezes and encouraging employees to stay home if they are sick.

The Department appreciates everyone’s understanding and cooperation to protect the health and safety of our staff, the inmates in our care and the communities we serve.

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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY

COVID-19 Management Strategy Update

March 18, 2020

(PHOENIX) – The Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry (ADCRR) has taken and is taking the following immediate preemptive and precautionary actions as part of its ongoing COVID-19 Management Strategy to protect the health and safety of its employees and the inmates in its care. These are ADCRR's latest proactive measures to defend against the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus. They will not be the last.

While the threat of COVID-19 is new, ADCRR has for decades developed and implemented plans to manage incidents of infectious disease in a correctional environment involving inmates who are often medically fragile. ADCRR's robust infectious disease protocols are continuously tested with new inmate admissions involving tuberculosis or symptoms associated with the common flu, scabies, chicken pox, or other droplet or airborne spread infectious disease. ADCRR is one of the only non-hospital settings with negative pressure rooms to treat and isolate those with airborne infectious diseases.

"The health and safety of our staff and inmates at the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry is our paramount concern," said David Shinn, Director of ADCRR. "In managing this situation, our two top priorities are safety and public health as we work to mitigate the potential spread of COVID-19 within our prisons."

ADCRR has implemented and is implementing the following measures to defend against the spread of the COVID-19 virus:

- While ADCRR currently has no confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus, Director David Shinn has taken proactive measures to protect the public safety and well-being of all ADCRR employees and inmates by suspending contact and non-contact legal and non-legal visitation of inmates throughout the prison system.
- Effective immediately, a \$4-copay that inmates pay for health care services is being waived for those who are experiencing flu or cold-like symptoms.
- Until such time as the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration has expired, ADCRR will provide free hand soap to all inmates upon request, effective immediately. As recommended by ADHS, **frequent handwashing remains the preferred method of virus prevention.**
- Effective immediately, ADCRR has stopped all routine internal movement of inmates across all Arizona Prison Complexes. Specialty needs for inmate movements will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. External medical needs will continue based on provider availability.

- Effective yesterday, all inmate classes provided by local community colleges are suspended.
- Effective this week, Wardens at each Arizona prison complex are initiating a weekly deep cleaning of all facilities. Wardens are also taking part in regular ongoing meetings with ADCRR leadership to ensure robust availability of soap, paper towels, hygiene items, and cleaning agents for both inmates and staff.
- Effective immediately, ADCRR is requiring all employees entering Arizona prison complexes to undergo an Infectious Disease Symptoms Check that includes a series of health questions. In partnership with ADCRR's inmate healthcare vendor, Centurion, ADCRR staff will be checked for symptoms of COVID-19 continuously as they enter each facility. Inmate work crews are already being screened as they depart and re-enter all prison complex facilities.
- On Monday, CenturyLink, ADCRR's phone and internet provider, began offering inmates two 15-minute phone calls per week at no charge, in addition to the existing phone call and written letter privileges. Thus far, CenturyLink has reported that 6,339 free calls have been made on the system. ADCRR is grateful for CenturyLink's recognition of this public health emergency and its generous response to lessen the burden on staff and inmates alike. ADCRR is exploring potential video visitation options so that inmates may remain in close contact with family members.

Following guidelines consistent with the Arizona Department of Health Services, ADCRR continues to communicate with staff and inmates about how they can reduce the risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus, including washing hands, sanitizing surfaces, covering coughs and sneezes, and encouraging employees to stay home if they are sick. ADCRR also will continue to provide updates on additional COVID-19 measures being taken to protect the safety and well-being of its staff and the inmates. For the latest regarding ADCRR's COVID-19 management strategy, please also visit:

<https://corrections.az.gov/>.

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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY

COVID-19 UPDATE

March 20, 2020

(Phoenix)— While the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry currently has no known confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus, we continue to take proactive measures to protect our staff and inmates against any potential spread. ADCRR continues to follow mandatory industry standards as set forth by the [American Correctional Association](#). ADCRR also follows the [National Commission on Correctional Health Care](#) guidelines through our audit process.

All ADCRR staff and inmates continue to be evaluated daily for any flu or allergy-like symptoms at prison complex facilities.

Centurion, ADCRR's healthcare vendor, is working closely with ADCRR leadership to address any inmates who have flu-like symptoms.

“Centurion is committed to providing high-quality care in accordance with best practices and professional standards to ensure the health of incarcerated individuals. In order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, Centurion follows the established guidance of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and public health officials to protect the health of those living and working in prisons and jails,” said Wendy Orm, M.D., Centurion's statewide medical director. “Centurion maintains a strong partnership with the Departments of Corrections and local health departments to ensure our staff is prepared to quickly identify, isolate, and manage the risk of contagious illness in the correctional facilities that we serve. We understand that education, vigilant adherence to established policies, and proper personal hygiene practices are key to limiting the spread of infection in healthcare environments. Centurion has provided training on COVID-19 to our staff, and continues to update information and take additional precautions as necessary.”

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY

COVID-19 MANAGEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE

March 23, 2020

(Phoenix)— While the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry currently has no known confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus, we continue to take proactive measures to protect our staff and inmates against any potential spread. All ADCRR staff and inmates continue to be evaluated daily for any flu or allergy-like symptoms at prison complex facilities. Six inmates have been tested for the virus and results are pending. Inmates who exhibit flu-like symptoms are being closely monitored and cared for appropriately in a separate area to reduce the risk of transmission.

ADCRR has implemented a number of measures to defend against the spread of COVID-19 virus in the complexes. Some of these include: suspending all visitations, stopping routine internal movement of inmates across all Arizona prisons, and requiring all employees entering Arizona prison complexes to undergo an infectious disease symptoms evaluation.

ADCRR is sending out work crews on a limited and as needed basis, and will continue to evaluate active inmate work crews, including temperature checks, as they return to the complex each day. Numbers and frequency of inmate work crews are being significantly reduced.

ADCRR continues to follow mandatory industry standards as set forth by the [American Correctional Association](#). ADCRR also follows the [National Commission on Correctional Health Care](#) guidelines through our audit process.

Following guidelines consistent with the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), ADCRR continues to communicate with staff and inmates about how they can reduce the risk of contracting the virus, including regular hand washing, sanitizing common surfaces, covering coughs and sneezes, and encouraging employees to stay home if they are sick.

For the latest ADCRR COVID-19 Management Strategy updates, please visit:

<https://corrections.az.gov>

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY

COVID-19 MANAGEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE

March 25, 2020

(Phoenix)— In response to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, ADCRR will immediately pull back all off-site, work crews until national and local public health experts consider the COVID-19 virus no longer a threat. The female crew working at Hickman's Family Farm will be temporarily housed on-site and away from the Perryville prison.

The Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry has been a proud partner with Hickman's Family Farm for 25 years. This partnership provides job skills for offenders. It also ensures a stable supply of Hickman's eggs for Arizona's communities. Food products, such as eggs, have been determined nationally to be a part of our nation's critical infrastructure.

ADCRR and Hickman's have partnered on a plan to temporarily house approximately 140 female inmates onsite at Hickman's for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency to control the potential spread of COVID-19 to thousands of other inmates. The inmates have already been working each day at Hickman's under ADCRR and Hickman's supervision.

"Many of these women inmates perform critical tasks related to the raising of baby chicks. Besides daily care, they also perform most of the tasks of vaccination," said Glenn Hickman, President of Hickman's Family Farm. "Their proper care today ensures an uninterrupted food supply tomorrow. It has been our family's privilege to help thousands of inmates learn life skills that keep them productive members of society, well after they leave this program."

The inmates, from Perryville, are classified as minimum custody, which means they represent a low risk to the public and staff. This is the same classification of inmates that have been working at this location for years. These inmates will be closely monitored and supervised by correctional officers and Hickman's at all times. They will be housed in one location, with all necessary accommodations and security measures. Once the declared COVID-19 emergency has passed, these inmates will return to their housing location at Perryville.

"Our Department is focused on ensuring the health and safety of all inmates, officers and staff," said ADCRR Director David Shinn. "The decision to temporarily house inmates at Hickman's is necessary to ensure a stable food supply while also protecting public health and the health of those in our custody."

ADCRR currently has no known confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus. Six inmates have been tested for the virus and results are pending. We continue to take proactive measures to protect our staff and inmates against any potential spread within the prisons, which includes reducing and suspending work crews that work outside the prison complexes.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY

COVID-19 Management Strategy Update

March 30, 2020

(PHOENIX)— As a further proactive measure to combat the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus in Arizona’s prisons, ADCRR has reached a collective agreement with Sheriffs in all 15 counties to temporarily suspend admissions of convicted persons from county jails for 21 days, followed by subsequent 21-day cycles of prudent admissions. This emergency measure was spearheaded by ADCRR Director, David Shinn, in collaboration with each Sheriff as part of ADCRR’s continued efforts to prevent the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus.

“Today is another example of how law enforcement agencies across the State are working together to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus while maintaining public safety,” said ADCRR Director, David Shinn. “I want to thank all 15 Sheriffs for their commitment and partnership. In particular, I also want to thank Maricopa County Sheriff Paul Penzone and Pinal County Sheriff Mark Lamb, for their exemplary leadership in this collaborative law enforcement effort.”

Currently, there are no known COVID-19 cases at any of ADCRR’s 16 prison complexes which house more than 42,000 inmates.

Get the latest information about ADCRR’s response to COVID-19 by visiting our website, <https://corrections.az.gov/>, and [@AZCorrections](#) on Twitter.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY

COVID-19 Management Strategy Update

April 1, 2020

(PHOENIX)— Of the more than 42,000 inmates currently housed in ADCRR custody and care, there are no known cases of the COVID-19. Of those inmates evaluated for flu-like symptoms, 34 inmates have been tested for COVID-19, 29 are negative, and 5 test results are currently pending.

As there are limited PPE supplies across the country for law enforcement, first responders, and healthcare providers, we do not want to consume these critical supplies unnecessarily. At this point in the pandemic, our posture continues to focus on presentation of symptoms which has been effective in managing the situation to this point. According to CDC recommendations, masks should be worn by patients with active virus symptoms during transportation to monitoring sites and those providers at healthcare facilities directly treating those patients. As the situation dictates, PPE is available for all employees to appropriately respond. This procedure and protocol matches the ADCRR direction for meeting all infectious disease threats encountered in the correctional environment. The best advice by the CDC and ADHS is to wash hands frequently and wipe down common areas with properly mixed disinfectant spray. Should CDC guidelines change, ADCRR will adapt our posture to meet those new directives.

For decades, the department has been well prepared to manage infectious diseases and uniquely positioned to manage the even greater threat of airborne illnesses which include tuberculosis.

“I am tremendously grateful for the great work the men and women of ADCRR do each day across the department to protect the community and do our part to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus,” said ADCRR Director, David Shinn.

Additional proactive measures ADCRR has taken in planning a response to this pandemic include suspending inmate visitation, routinely checking staff for flu-like symptoms, suspending outside work details, isolation of inmates experiencing flu like symptoms, suspension of routine inmate movement, and finalizing measures to strategically control admissions to the entire state correctional system of more than 42,000 offenders.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY

COVID-19 Management Strategy Update

April 3, 2020

(PHOENIX)— In order to promptly implement the most recent [CDC guidance](#), the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry (ADCRR) is recommending employees wear a non-medical (non-PPE) cloth face covering to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 while conducting essential business. This recommendation includes employees reporting for duty across the Department.

Additionally, ADCRR will continue to follow the recommendations by the CDC regarding Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for incarcerated/detained individuals and staff in a correctional facility.

Of the more than 42,000 inmates in ADCRR custody and care, there are zero cases of COVID-19. So far, 39 inmates have tested negative for COVID-19, with five COVID-19 tests pending.

Consistent with this new [CDC guidance](#), ADCRR will continue to provide medical masks for healthcare workers and employees in direct contact with individuals who exhibit active flu-like or COVID-19 symptoms.

Consistent with the CDC guidance and ADCRR Infectious Disease Protocols, ADCRR continues to separate any inmates who exhibit flu-like symptoms from the general population for monitoring and appropriate follow-up care.

As part of the ADCRR's COVID-19 Management Strategy, we continue to require all employees entering Arizona prison complexes undergo an Infectious Disease Symptoms Check at each facility. Employees are sent home immediately if they are experiencing flu-like symptoms.

Following guidelines consistent with the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and the CDC, ADCRR continues to communicate with staff and inmates about how they can reduce the risk of contracting or spreading the COVID-19 virus, including regular hand washing, sanitizing surfaces, covering coughs and sneezes, and requiring employees to stay home if they are sick.

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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY

COVID-19 Management Strategy Update

April 7, 2020

The Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry (ADCRR) has been notified that two inmates have tested positive for COVID-19. The first inmate has been housed at a community hospital since March 27, 2020 due to several non-Covid related symptoms. The inmate was found positive after having been previously tested twice with negative results while at the same community hospital where he currently remains.

ADCRR was also notified of an inmate who tested positive for COVID-19 at the Marana Community Correctional Treatment Facility operated by Management and Training Corporation. The Marana facility is a minimum-custody third-party operator under contract with ADCRR. The facility provides custody and substance abuse treatment for 500 adult male inmates.

Both inmates are receiving appropriate medical care at their current locations.

Of the more than 42,000 ADCRR inmates, 60 have been tested, 48 have tested negative, 10 are pending and two have tested positive. Consistent with CDC guidance and ADCRR Infectious Disease Protocols, we continue to separate any inmates who exhibit flu-like symptoms from the general population, for monitoring and appropriate follow-up care. Like many correctional systems nationwide, the department has experience managing infectious diseases at its facilities and is taking proactive measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading in the inmate population. Following CDC guidelines, ADCRR also continues to communicate with staff and inmates about how they can reduce the risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

The Department will continue to provide regular updates on our ongoing efforts to reduce the risk of COVID-19 within our facilities as well as inmates' positive test results.

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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION AND REENTRY

COVID-19 Management Strategy Update

April 7, 2020

As part of the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry response to the evolving CDC guidelines regarding face coverings, ADCRR will be distributing fabric face coverings to all employees over the next few days. On Friday, the CDC recommended that essential staff wear non-medical (non-PPE) cloth face coverings to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID19.

The face coverings are being made by inmates at Perryville, Douglas, and Florence complexes through the [Arizona Correctional Industries](#) (ACI) garment program, which has been in operation for more than 30 years. The department is making enough so each employee will receive two face coverings. ACI, a division of the ADCRR, was developed more than 35 years ago to provide structured programming to create opportunities for offenders to develop marketable skills and strong work habits. ACI inmate programs allow inmates to be paid for their work.

Thus far, more than 8,000 face coverings have been made, with more being made over the coming weeks.

“This is a testament to the impact our ACI programs provide, and the contributions our inmate population makes in this time of need,” said David Shinn, ADCRR Director. “As our employees enter our complex facilities for work, the face coverings will provide an extra level of protection to reduce the risk of any potential spread to our inmate population. We also continue to encourage all employees and inmates to monitor themselves and others for COVID-19 symptoms, stay home if feeling ill, practice physical distancing whenever possible and remain vigilant in washing hands regularly. It will take all of us doing our part to protect those at high risk, and support keeping our employees and inmates safe and healthy.”

Of the more than 42,000 inmates in ADCRR custody and care, there are currently zero cases of COVID19. So far, 44 inmates have tested negative for COVID19, with eight COVID19 tests pending.

As part of ADCRR’s ongoing COVID19 Management Strategy, all employees entering Arizona prison complexes continue to undergo required health checks at each facility. Employees are sent home immediately if they are experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms and are required to stay home if they are sick. Following guidelines consistent with the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and the CDC, ADCRR continues to communicate with staff and inmates about how they can reduce the risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

In accordance with CDC guidance, ADCRR continues to separate from the general inmate population any inmates exhibiting flu-like symptoms for monitoring and appropriate follow-up care.

Get the latest information about ADCRR’s response to COVID-19 by visiting our website, <https://corrections.az.gov/>, and @AZCorrections on Twitter.