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<p>SOCIAL VISITS:</p>	<p>Visitation suspension through April 5, 2020, which will be re-evaluated in consultation with the Department of Health. To ensure continued contact with loved ones, vendors were requested to offer the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One free video visitation session per JPay account that is linked to a Florida inmate;• Two free phone calls up to 15 minutes in length each week;• Four free JPay Stamps, each week, credited Friday mornings beginning March 13, 2020; and• The cost of outbound (from inmate to friend/family member) Video Grams will be reduced by 50%, from four JPay Stamps per Video Gram to two JPay Stamps per Video Gram.
<p>LEGAL VISITS:</p>	<p>Legal Visits continue with no restrictions other than active screening prior to entrance into facilities.</p>
<p>INMATE MOVEMENT:</p>	<p>Mission critical inmate movement for the duration of the COVID-19 event. All inmate movement to include out to court returns suspended for 14 days, to be reviewed thereafter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-emergent medical and mental health movement requires authorization of the Director of Health Services.• Security-related moves require the authorization of the Assistant Deputy Secretary of Institutions.



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OFFICIAL STAFF TRAVEL:	<p>State Personnel Travel for the next 30 calendar days will follow the Business Travel Policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -All out-of-state travel for state business is prohibited. -All non-essential (i.e., non-mission critical) in-state travel for state business is prohibited. -Employees should avoid, when possible, attending large gatherings (according to the CDC is >250 people). -Video or telephone conferencing and virtual meetings are encouraged. -All Florida National Guard personnel are allowed to travel if the travel is deemed mission-critical and is specifically approved by the agency head.
TRAINING:	<p>In-service continues at all facilities. Specialized training suspended for 30 days. Basic Recruit Training is being evaluated on a case by case basis by staff development.</p>
STAFF HIRING:	<p>Staff hiring initiatives will continue. Regional Directors have been advised to assess the risk exposure when scheduling recruitment events.</p>
CONTRACTORS:	<p>FDC has instituted Florida Department of Health recommended best practices to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 into correctional facilities. Any affirmative answer to the active screening questions will preclude contractors from entering the facility.</p>
VOLUNTEERS:	<p>FDC has instituted Florida Department of Health recommended best practices to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 into correctional facilities. All Volunteer programs and activities are suspended for 30 days, to be reviewed thereafter.</p>
SCREENING OF STAFF:	<p>Initiated passive & active screening for all persons entering a correctional facility in accordance with CDC and FDOH recommendations.</p>



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SCREENING OF INMATES:	FDC has instituted Florida Department of Health recommended best practices to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 into correctional facilities. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Posted hygiene signage.2. Directed all staff to proactively send inmates to medical for assessment when any symptoms are observed.3. Waived sick-call copayment for inmates being evaluated.
TOURS:	Tours of facilities have been suspended.
MODIFIED OPERATIONS:	As of 3/16/20, FDC has suspended intake of new commitments at all reception centers for 14-days which will be re-evaluated at that time. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Northwest Florida Reception Center impacting Region 1 counties- Reception & Medical Center impacting Region 2 counties- Central Florida Reception Center impacting Region 3 counties- South Florida Reception Center impacting Region 4 counties- Florida Women Reception Center impacting all counties