

VISITING GUIDELINES

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- Visitors shall be masked upon entering our facilities.
- Employees shall issue each visitor a mask at the time of entry. The mask worn by the visitor shall be collected and disposed of or secured in a locker if the original mask worn is not a disposable mask.
- Visitors 2 years and older shall be required to wear a mask per CDC guidelines. Visitors younger than 2 years of age will not be required to wear a mask.
- Visitors and incarcerated persons shall go through the same symptom screening process as employees (based on CDC and ODH guidance) to include each person answering questions and having a temperature check before entering the visitation area.
- Visitation will be limited to three visitors per incarcerated person.
- If the visitor is vaccinated, they may present their Vaccination Record Card as proof of their vaccination status. If they are unvaccinated, the visitor will be subject to a point of care rapid antigen test and may only visit with a negative test result. Visitors younger than age 5 will not be antigen tested but are subject to symptom screening which includes the taking of temperature and asking of questions.
- Cloth masks or gaiter masks are not permitted in the entry or visitation rooms. Masks must be worn by incarcerated persons and visitors at all times.
- Physical contact between the visitor and the incarcerated person is permitted at the beginning and end of the visiting session if the physical environment allows. Children are not permitted to be held by the incarcerated person during the visit but an embrace with the child is permitted at the beginning and end of the visit.
- Reading Rooms (or Imagination Libraries) will open for visitors to utilize. Maximum occupancy of the room will be determined at each facility.
- The use of vending machines is permitted with the cleaning of touch points between each use. Food and drink products purchased may be handed to the incarcerated person by the visitor if the physical environment allows. Items purchased are not to be shared during the visit.
- Hand sanitizer shall be made available in each front entry and visiting room for all persons in the area.
- A list of COVID-19 symptoms will be posted in a conspicuous location such as Front Entry and the Visitation Room.
- Each facility shall coordinate operations to ensure social distancing.
- Vaccinated incarcerated persons will be identified with a white zip tie affixed to the right side of their identification card