Date: May 11, 2020

To: All DCI Staff and Persons in our Care

From: Sarah Cooper, Interim Warden

Re: DCI Suspension of Administrative Code DOC Section 309.36

Effective immediately, I am suspending Administrative Code DOC Section 309.36 pursuant to Administrative Code DOC Section 306.22.

Administrative Code DOC Section 309.36 requires a minimum of 4 hours of leisure time for persons in our care. In DCI’s efforts to limit and mitigate any potential exposure or spread of COVID-19, DCI will be quarantining a large group of individuals prior to movement to their permanent facility. DCI will also quarantine all new admissions to DCI upon intake. As a result of these efforts, the four hour minimum of leisure time has been impacted. By suspending this specific rule, DCI will have the flexibility to provide out of cell activities to those individuals who are not quarantined, but will also ensure the health and safety of those who will be moving throughout the correctional system.

Maintaining the safety, health, and well-being of staff and inmates is our primary focus. We will be evaluating this suspension of Administrative Code DOC Section 309.36 on a regular basis in effort to restore normal operations as soon as allowable.

Cc: Makda Fessahaye, DAI Administrator
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    Stephanie Hove, DAI Assistant Administrator
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