

# COVID-19 RESPONSE

A MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY KEVIN A. CARR



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Hello. As the Secretary of the Department of Corrections, it's my responsibility to protect the health and safety of those in our care. It's a responsibility I take seriously, and I want you to know that we are doing everything we can to deal with the potential impact and spread of coronavirus in our facilities.

I first want to acknowledge the dedicated staff of the Department of Corrections, who have been working around the clock to promote the health and safety of persons in our care, while simultaneously caring for their own families and loved ones.

Second, I recognize that this is a difficult time for friends and family of loved ones in the care of the DOC. I understand you may be worried and have questions, and I want you to know that maintaining the health and safety of persons in our care remains a critical priority for me. I recognize that the precautionary steps we have taken may also create a hardship to those in our care and their friends and families, but these measures are an effort to keep everyone safe. DOC is reviewing these decisions on a daily basis, and we continue to look for ways we can improve conditions for staff and those we care for.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility during this difficult time. I remain committed to working with Governor Evers and department leadership to find ways to support all those in DOC who have been impacted by this pandemic.

Thank you.