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Important Information for Attorneys and DCS Specialists

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As Arizona continues to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC) is striving to minimize youth and staff exposure to the virus through the implementation of practices recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Arizona Department of Health Services, and ADJC's Medical Director. We have greatly appreciated the cooperation and collaboration of our justice system partners with these efforts so far and provide this information to keep you abreast of our current practices related to COVID-19.

Protecting the health of youth and staff

- Youth in secure care at Adobe Mountain School are being closely monitored for symptoms of COVID-19. ADJC has the ability to perform rapid tests for youth displaying symptoms of COVID-19.
- Incoming youth, including new commits, alleged parole violators, and youth returning from court, detention, or jail are housed in a quarantine unit for 14 days with other youth who arrived at Adobe Mountain School on the same day. Youth are participating in regular programming and going through the intake process while in quarantine. Each new incoming cohort is quarantined separately to mitigate the risk an asymptomatic carrier of the virus might pose to our facility.
- ADJC staff undergo a health screening upon arrival at Adobe Mountain School, and staff and youth have been issued face masks that they must wear while at the facility. Visitors must also wear a face mask while at the facility, and staff and visitors displaying any symptoms of the virus are not permitted to enter.
- Parent and family visitation at the facility is currently suspended and telephone contact has been increased. Additionally, families may now participate in video visitation with their child, which has been expanded statewide with the assistance of our Community Corrections officers.

Protecting you

- ADJC youth required to attend court undergo a health screening prior to leaving the facility, and *will not be transported* if they have a fever or any symptoms of the virus.
- At this time, in-person visits by youth's attorneys and DCS specialists are still permitted. However, we would prefer for these visits to occur by phone. In addition to being screened

for symptoms upon arrival, all attorneys and DCS specialists are required to wear a face mask while at Adobe Mountain School. If you do not have a face mask, one will be provided to you.

Communicating with your client

- To the greatest extent possible, *no-contact communication is preferred over in-person contact*. Telephone and video visitation protect all parties and help ensure the continued safety of our facility.
- Like all individuals working in congregate care facilities statewide, ADJC staff are stretched thin, due to increased health-related protocols in addition to their already busy schedules as they provide critical services to youth. Please plan ahead when scheduling necessary communication with youth at Adobe Mountain School, and be patient as we work to accommodate your requests.
- Because Adobe Mountain School does not have an unlimited number of housing units, and each new cohort of incoming youth is quarantined separately for 14 days to prevent spreading the virus, we have respectfully requested that intake days be limited to every other Tuesday, instead of every Tuesday. We appreciate all efforts made to accommodate this request in disposition, sentencing, and modification of release conditions. Upcoming intake dates are: May 19, 2020 and June 2, 2020
- All youth communication, whether in-person, by phone, or by video, should be scheduled, to the greatest extent possible, a minimum of 48 hours in advance, by contacting Joe Martin at jmartin@azdjc.gov or (480) 540-7915. Last minute requests are strongly discouraged and will only be accommodated dependent on staff availability.
- Telephone and in-person visitation is available between 11:00am - 4:00pm Monday through Wednesday and Friday, and is subject to the availability of ADJC staff.
- Video visitation may be available on a limited basis, and is restricted to the following days and times, in half hour increments: Monday and Wednesday, 12:00pm - 3:00pm.
- If you have any questions or require more information, please do not hesitate to reach out to either of the following individuals:

Joe Martin, ADJC Youth Ombuds
jmartin@azdjc.gov
(480)540-7915

(If Mr. Martin is not available, please call (623) 869-9050 and ask to speak with the youth's caseworker)

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