

The Department of Corrections will restart in-person professional visits. While still dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and focusing on the safety and well-being of staff and adults in custody (AICs), DOC understands these professional visits are important. Facilities that do not have current, originating cases of COVID-19 will begin opening in-person professional visitation as early as next week. Below is a list of the requirements and safety precautions put in place:

- For AIC and attorney visits, no more than two members of the defense team will be permitted access inside the institution for the in-person visit. If additional team members need to participate in the professional visit, they will need to attend via secure video or telephonic visiting. If there are additional defense team members attending via secure video, they will be required to work with institution staff to test the video and audio connection *prior to the video visit*.
- Before being allowed access inside the institution for each in-person visit, defense team members will be screened. This screening includes having their temperature checked, answering a screening tool/questionnaire to assess the individual's risk of exposure to the coronavirus and the existence of any active symptoms of infection/illness, and washing/sanitizing their hands.
- When entering the secured perimeter, we ask the visitor to limit what they touch as much as possible.
- Upon entering and exiting the Legal Hearing room, and other meeting locations, hands will need to be washed and sanitized in the restroom located in this area.
- There will be no contact – shaking of hands, hugging, etc.
- During all in-person professional visits, visitors and AICs will practice recommended social distancing measures as much as possible and will be required to wear masks.
- In-person visitors must remove their mask when being visually identified entering and exiting the institution.
- Prior to entering the institution all equipment must be sanitized.
- All individuals entering the facility for professional visits must provide information for contact tracing.
- AICs will need to wash their hands prior to the visit.