

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) **PRECAUTIONS** for Entering DOC Facilities

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is known to cause a greater risk for severe illness in older adults and persons with underlying health conditions or compromised immune conditions. Younger people can be infected and spread the disease to others, too.

There is also risk for those living and working in close quarters, such as in a correctional facility.

As a preventative measure, it is important that we:

- Limit exposure to and the introduction of COVID-19 into AR DOC facilities.
- Screen VISITORS and STAFF for symptoms of possible exposure to COVID-19.

AT THE DIRECTION OF THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, ALL VISITORS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS WILL BE RESTRICTED FROM ENTRY INTO A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SCREENING CRITERIA IS MET:

VISITORS

All visitors will be:

- Questioned about international travel within the last 14 days to countries with sustained transmission of COVID-19;
- Asked if they've had contact with anyone who has a confirmed diagnosis of, or is under investigation for, COVID-19; and
- Screened for signs/symptoms of a respiratory infection including:
 - ✓ Cough
 - ✓ Shortness of Breath
 - ✓ Fever [by measuring temperature with a temporal (forehead) thermometer]
Temperature may not be higher than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit for any person entering the facility.

PLEASE NOTE: If you plan to travel to an Arkansas prison from out of state, you will need to contact a Visitation Clerk at that unit prior to your departure for updated restrictions.

STAFF

Temperature screening will be done before every shift. Employees who fail will be sent home and advised to seek care from their doctor if they have other symptoms.

These precautions are effective immediately and will continue until further notice.

For updated information on COVID-19, visit: [Healthy.Arkansas.gov](https://www.healthysar.gov).

