



From Wendy Kelley, Secretary of Corrections

Coronavirus and AR DOC Facilities & Offices

We are taking proactive steps to protect the health and safety of our communities, including for our employees and those held in our facilities and visiting our offices. DOC staff are in regular contact with the Department of Health to ensure that we have the necessary response protocols in place. We will continue to review our protocols and implement any necessary practice.

What are we doing to reduce the risk in facilities and offices?

Employees and offenders are being encouraged to follow appropriate hygiene protocols to limit spread of the virus. These protocols include:

- Practicing and encouraging regular hand washing;
- Practicing and encouraging respiratory etiquette (covering coughs and sneezes);
- Avoiding handshakes;
- Continuing regular surface cleaning; and
- Employees are encouraged to stay home when ill (staff, volunteers, vendors, visitors, etc.)

What about facility and office visitation?

Any changes to a facility's visitation schedule, or entrance procedures, will be posted online and distributed via the Arkansas Department of Corrections Facebook Page. Potential visitors can also call a facility to inquire about visitation changes.

Parolees and probationers may call their supervising office for updates regarding any changes to office visit policies.