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DOCR Moving to Phase 2 of Visitation

Bismarck ND - The North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (ND DOCR) is planning to move to Phase 2 of visitation on June 1, 2021. The ND DOCR is committed to ensuring the safety of all public, team members, visitors, and adult and youth residents while also recognizing the importance of their well-being by offering visitation with COVID-19 safeguards in place.

Each facility will have specific guidelines; however, all will follow the same basic rules, which are subject to change:

- All visits must be prescheduled 48-hours in advance.
- All visitors, including minors (children) 6 years and older, will be subject to a BinaxNOW test. Verbal consent to test a minor is required by the legal guardian. The legal guardian will be responsible to conduct the nasal swabbing on the minor.
- There will be COVID-19 symptoms screenings which will include temperature checks.
- One approved adult visitor and a maximum of 3 approved minors will be allowed per visitation.
- All visitors, including minor visitors ages 6 years and older, are required to wear masks at all times.

In order to maintain proper social distancing, all visits must be pre-scheduled due to limited occupancy. Cleaning and disinfecting measures have been put into place to ensure a safe visit. More information regarding visitation, as well as the updated guidelines, can be found by visiting <https://www.docr.nd.gov/family-and-friends#Visitation>.

For more data and information regarding COVID-19 within the DOCR, please visit <https://www.docr.nd.gov/covid-19-information>.

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