

Corrections and Rehabilitation

Heart River Correctional Center Modified Visitation Protocol – Phase 02
<p>The Heart River Correctional Center (HRCC) encourages visitation by family, friends, and community groups to maintain the morale of the population and to continue pro-social relationships. As part of the institution’s continued mitigation efforts during the global pandemic, a phased approach is being utilized to gradually relax restrictions for visitors. Easing of restrictions will focus on an internal approach to include external components in Phase 01, 02, and 03.</p>
Scheduling
<p>Visiting Schedule: Saturday & Sunday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (noon)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each resident will be allowed one 90-minute period, per day.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only 2 adult visitors and a maximum of 3 approved minors will be authorized during Phase 02.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All visitors, including minors 6 years and older, will be subjected 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. A positive result would prevent the visitor(s) from visiting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All visitors must be pre-scheduled their visit by calling HRCC, at least 48 hours in advance at 701-663-1400. A log will be kept at the HRCC for staff to document.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors will be checked in 15 minutes prior to the start of visitation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors must wear a state-issued surgical mask and practice appropriate hygiene upon entrance into the facility.
Staging Area
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitation will be held inside the visiting room.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each designated visiting station will be clearly marked to identify authorized areas for the visit.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The visitor(s) and the resident will be seated around a table (not six feet apart). Each visitation group will be six feet apart from the other cohort visitor groups.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each visiting station will contain hard plastic chairs, chair locations will be clearly marked with a sticker and a sanitation bucket for each station that includes sanitizing wipes and hand sanitizer.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A staging area will be set up in the visitation area for staff to complete BINAX testing for visitors.
Screening upon Access
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All visitors are required to wear a surgical mask, which will be issued at the front gate. Failure to wear PPE will result in termination of the visit.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will complete the temperature check and complete the ND DOCR COVID-19 Supplemental Screening form upon arrival in the HRCC visitation area. Forms should be given to the visitor to turn in to the visiting officer.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After a visitor has been medically screened and approved, the visit will be allowed to proceed and the resident will be escorted to the visitation area.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All visitors (6 years and older) are required to submit to a BINAX Test prior to the visit. A positive result would prevent the visitor from visiting.



- The visiting officer should complete the visiting card documenting the start and end time of each visit along with the COVID-19 screening form. Upon completion of the visiting event, the visiting cards and COVID-19 screening should be placed in the front lobby mailbox.

Sanitation

- Visitors will wear a state issue surgical mask, maintain physical distancing with others and perform appropriate hand hygiene upon entering the facility.
- Minor visitors 6 years and older are required to wear surgical masks at all times.
*Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the on-duty Captain.
- Before the next visit occurs, the visiting room must sit for 15 minutes to allow escaped droplets to settle to surfaces before being cleaned and disinfected. With that time, and the contact time, visits must have at a minimum, 30 minutes between visiting blocks. The visiting room should then be sanitized by the visiting room officer utilizing the HOTSYS sprayer.
- Sanitation supplies will be available at each visitation station to include sanitizing wipes and readily available hand sanitizer.

Regulation

- State-issued surgical masks will be required for all residents attending the visit.
- All previous regulations relating to the authorization of visitors will be maintained and the standard rules of visitation, including proper dress attire and conduct, shall apply.
- One brief embrace will be authorized only at the beginning and end of the visitation period. Kissing is not authorized. Violations will result in the loss of future visitation.
- A facility inoculation assessment will take place every Monday at 0800. If the facility assessment results indicate a 70% or greater inoculation rate all general population residents will be eligible for contact visits. If the facility has a less than 70% inoculation rate among the general population, only residents who have been inoculated will be offered contact visitation.
- No food or drinking is allowed in the visiting room and vending machines should shut off.
- Visitors are authorized to use the restrooms in the visitation area. The resident population will continue to be restricted from using the latrine during their scheduled 90-minute visitation.
- The HRCC resident photographer is not allowed to be utilized during phase 02.
- Residents will be allowed to send out property through the visiting room.
- Residents will remain in the visiting room until the visitors have exited the area and an unclothed search has been completed.