

Visiting Regulations-Phase 003

Facility: NDSP

Effective Date: Monday, July 19th, 2021

Appendix: (E) NDSP Pandemic Plan

VISITATION PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The North Dakota State Penitentiary (NDSP) 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, the following phase 003 visitation regulations will be implemented and maintained until phase 004 implementation or phase 003 being rescinded. Transition of phases is established by DOCR protocol.

The following protocols will be required during phase 003:

- All approved visits will be pre-scheduled by the NDSP visitation officer.
- All visitors will be required to call and pre-schedule their visit 48 hours in advance.
- All visitors, including minors 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.
- Only 2 approved adult visitors and a maximum of 3 approved minors will be authorized during phase 003.
- Only 50 visitors will be authorized in the visitation room at a time.



- All visits will be scheduled for 2 hours.
- To ensure visitation equity among the population, each resident will be allocated 2 hours of visitation per week.
- Visitors will be escorted into the visitation room at a time.
- Upon completion of the 2-hour visitation, the visiting room will be cleared and sanitized.
- One brief embrace per visitor will be authorized at the beginning and end of the visitation period.
- Kissing is not authorized.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided in the visitation room.
- Neither resident nor visitor(s) will be authorized to move any piece of furniture.
- Residents will be required to wear masks and goggles at all times.
- Drink vending services will be approved.
- Social distancing between the approved visitor and the resident will not be required. Social distancing between visiting groups will be required.
- Minor visitors 6 years and older are required to wear masks at all times.
**Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the on-duty Captain.*

