



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

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Dear Juvenile Justice Stakeholders and Families,

As we continue to navigate through this unprecedented health crisis, the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) remains vigilant in our efforts to monitor and protect the health and safety of the youth in our care and custody.

As Florida begins to take safe and measured steps forward to reopening, our department must continue to do all we can to fight the spread of COVID-19 in both our facilities and in our communities. As part of this effort, DJJ has issued a supplemental emergency order that will restrict visitors until May 15, 2020.

DJJ will continue to assess the safety of its facilities and will restore visitation with modifications to the normal procedures when it is safe to do so. Parents and guardians will be contacted directly regarding the visitation schedule and the screening criteria for their child's specific facility when modified visitation is restored. As always, we will continue to ensure regular communication between youth and their families throughout this visitation suspension. Parents or family members with questions about visitation should contact the facility where their child is located. For more information about DJJ's response to COVID-19, please visit our dedicated webpage www.djj.state.fl.us/covid-19.

Visitation with family is an incredibly important part of a youth's rehabilitation, and we look forward to restoring those visits in a safe and mindful way.

Sincerely,

Simone Marstiller
Secretary

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The mission of the Department of Juvenile Justice is to increase public safety by reducing juvenile delinquency through effective prevention, intervention, and treatment services that strengthen families and turn around the lives of troubled youth.