

Memorandum

Date: July 28, 2021

To: Associate Directors, Division of Adult Institutions
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Subject: **INMATE VISITING PROGRAM – CHANGES TO COVID-19 VISITOR TESTING REQUIREMENTS**

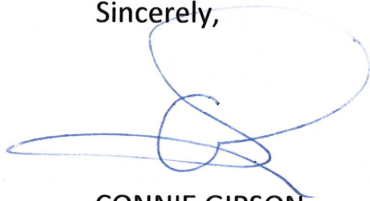
The purpose of this memorandum is to provide direction and guidance regarding the changes to the Inmate Visiting Program visitor processing procedures while supporting the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's (CDCR) continuing efforts to mitigate the impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

When in-person visiting resumed in April 2021, COVID-19 testing availability was somewhat limited. In recognition of this, and in order to ensure families were able to see their loved ones, limited on-site rapid testing was provided to approved visitors who did not have proof of vaccination or a valid negative test result. Since both the COVID-19 vaccine and various forms of testing are now widely available in our communities, and given that the majority of visitors already provide proof of vaccination or bring a negative COVID-19 test, effective Saturday, August 7, 2021, CDCR institutions will discontinue onsite testing for visitors.

Visitors must arrive with either a negative COVID-19 test result from a test taken within 72 hours of their scheduled visit or their vaccination card indicating they are at least 14 days past the final injection of their vaccination series. The California Department of Public Health maintains a database of state-sponsored testing clinics at <https://covid19.ca.gov/get-tested/>. These sites offer COVID-19 testing free of charge throughout the state of California. Self-administered tests (i.e. from a retail pharmacy) will not be accepted. Visitors will present their negative test result or vaccination card to the visiting processing officer just as they would their identification, birth certificates for minors, or any other documents required to visit.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperating during this process. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Magee, Correctional Counselor II, Statewide Visiting Coordinator, Female Offender Programs and Services Mission at (916) 323-2877.

Sincerely,



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