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## **Department of Corrections Suspends All Non-Essential Activity**

**3/18/2020 (Anchorage)** – The Department of Corrections is suspending all nonessential activity across institutions statewide, effective 3/19/2020, in an effort to protect offenders and staff from the spread of COVID-19. This includes non-essential contract services and all volunteers. “The Department of Corrections is mirroring the steps that are being taken in the community to prevent the spread of the virus,” Dahlstrom said. “It is important that we protect the people who work and live inside our institutions. Limiting traffic in and out of the facilities eliminates unnecessary risk of exposure.”

With visitation suspended until further notice, DOC is providing one free 15-minute phone call per week per inmate. This courtesy call went into effect Saturday, 3/21/2020 and will renew each week until normal visitation is reinstated.

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