March 17, 2020

Dear Program Service Providers:

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations (CDCR) is dedicated to the safety of everyone who lives in, works in, and visits our state prisons. For the safety and protection of the incarcerated population; volunteers; and staff, effective March 17, 2020, all volunteer-led inmate activity group programs are suspended. This will restrict all volunteers from entering the institutions until further notice.

The Department remains agile in our response to addressing COVID-19, with safety being the top priority. I would like to express my appreciation for your patience and understanding through these challenging times.

For the latest information regarding CDCR’s preparedness efforts for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) please visit the CDCR COVID-19 Preparedness page at [www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19](http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19).

CDCR has activated an email box, [COVID19@cdcr.ca.gov](mailto:COVID19@cdcr.ca.gov) to answer questions from the public, employees, and stakeholders related to COVID-19. This email address will be monitored and questions will be triaged to the appropriate divisions.

Sincerely,

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