

COVID-19 Update 3/15/2020

Hi all-

I wanted to give you an update on some changes to our operating procedures in some key areas.

Medical Screening:

Effective Monday, March 16 at 0600 hours we will begin implementing some brief medical screening for all individuals entering IDOC worksites. This screening is an important part of our prevention efforts. Everyone reporting for work at an IDOC worksite will be asked the following questions:

1. Have you been running a fever in the past 48 hours?
2. Have you had a cough in the past 48 hours?
3. In the past 48 hours, have you taken any medications to reduce fever or cough?
4. Are you experiencing shortness of breath or having trouble breathing?
5. Have you been in close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

If you answer yes to any of those questions and have a fever, please use your available sick leave and do not report to work.

P&P:

Chief Underwood will be providing specific guidance, but we will be modifying the way we conduct business in our district offices.

- District offices will remain open for mission critical services, emergent issues, and new case reporting, but face-to-face office visits for all caseloads will be suspended until further notice. Phone calls or other technologies should be used in lieu of traditional office visits.
- Residence verification and home visits will be modified to focus on high risk caseloads and will be done in a manner to minimize risk to staff of exposure to COVID-19.

Please be on the lookout for additional guidance from your division leadership. We'll have additional updates for you Monday, March 16th. In the meantime, take care of yourself.

Thanks-
Josh