

COVID-19 ALERT



Effective July 1, 2020 at 0800 all facilities in our south Boise complex will be moved to secure status. This includes ISCC, ISCI, SICI, IMSI and SBWCC.

Why are the facilities being moved to secure status?

ISCC has been on secure status since our first confirmed case of COVID-19 among our incarcerated population was detected on June 24, 2020. While we do not yet have confirmed cases in any other facility, we do have staff who have tested positive at other facilities and we want to limit any possible spread of the virus. This is a preventative measure.

What does "secure status" mean?

Placing a facility on secure status means that there is very limited movement happening within the facility. Individuals spend most of their times in their cells or around their bunks. Educational and other programs are stopped, and people are required to eat meals on their housing unit, rather than travel to the communal dining halls. It also means that movement into and out of the facility is limited to emergencies only.

How long will secure status last?

This will depend on our ability to test the entire staff and incarcerated population and to contain the spread of the virus. We will ease restrictions as soon as it is safe to do so but our priority remains protecting the health and safety of our staff and those under our jurisdiction.

Will someone on secure status be allowed access to the showers?

Yes. During secure status, showers are scheduled to prevent groups from congregating in the bathroom area. Typically, people will have access to the shower at least every 72 hours.

Will communication to/from my incarcerated friend or family member be impacted?

We expect that communication may be impacted as people will have less access to the day rooms, where the phones are located. We are working with our CenturyLink partners to quickly convert the phones to a cordless system which would allow use from a person's room.

How will this affect upcoming releases?

People scheduled for release will be released as scheduled and will receive a COVID-19 test prior to leaving. If someone tests positive for COVID-19 during their pre-release test, IDOC will work with the individuals to make arrangements so they can be safely isolated in the community.

Who has to wear a mask in a correctional facility?

Everyone. As of June 24, 2020, all staff were required to wear a mask while on duty. As of June 29, 2020, all incarcerated individuals were required to wear masks at all times in our facilities. The only exceptions are during eating, showering, and sleeping.