



# IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

*Protect the public, our staff and those within our custody and supervision*

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## Memo

To: ISCC Visitors

From: Jay Christensen, Warden

Date: 12/05/19

Re: ISCC Visitors

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Thank you for taking the time out of your day to come to ISCC and visit your friend or loved one. I enthusiastically support visitation at ISCC and I can't tell you enough how much I appreciate you. It is my desire that your visit is as nice as it can be and I want you to know that I am open to speaking with you about any concerns or recommendations that you may ever have about the visitation process.

This being said I want you to also know that over the past few years we have found through many findings of fact, inquiries, and investigations that sadly the number one avenue for drugs entering our facility is through the very privilege that I enthusiastically support. That is Visitation. With these findings we have to focus more on security practices and take action to decrease the chances contraband can enter the facility. These processes, you will see and may have already noticed, will slow down the check in process.

This is quite disheartening and yet it is a very important subject that I must address with you today. The majority of you are not involved with this problem. Yet you have and will find that decisions about visiting center around this subject.

That is because drug use is in my opinion far too common at ISCC. ISCC has too many issues connected with drug activity for me to not take this very seriously.

Violence from drug debts, erratic behaviors from drug use, mental health issues, physical health issues, sadness, hopelessness, despair, confusion, disciplinary reports that affect time in prison, new drug charges, rampant gang activity, extended loss of visitation privileges, ruined families, and ruined lives are all the direct results of drug use inside of prison.

If you are involved with bringing drugs into ISCC you need to stop it and stop it today. I am going to implement drastically aggressive drug preventative measures. If you are caught bringing them into ISCC IDOC will seek criminal prosecution and your visitation will be permanently cancelled. Instead of those kind ramifications let's have healthy visitation that reunites you and your loved ones. Visitation that prepares you both for reunification one day.

If you want to help with this effort, I call upon you to contact me at 208-331-2760, extension 20801. I know many of you are tired of seeing it happen around you and have told me so. I offer confidentiality and proactive action toward ending this problem in our facility.

You can also call local law enforcement at the Idaho Drug Tip Hotline at [1-800-524-7277](tel:1-800-524-7277) or go online to <https://www.isp.idaho.gov/jcic/> and submit a report online.

Thank you for your help with this very important issue at ISCC. Let's work together to make ISCC visitation the best it can be for you and your loved one.