




Corrections and Community Supervision

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MEMORANDUM

To: All Superintendents

From: James A. O’Gorman, Deputy Commissioner for Correctional Facilities 

Date: March 25, 2020

Subject: COVID 19-Directive #4936, “Search of DOCCS Employees”

In an effort to promote social distancing among staff, due to the recent public health emergency, the provisions in Directive #4936, “Search of DOCCS Employees”, Sections II-A and II-B are temporarily suspended. Random metal detector and periodic pat frisk searches of staff will not be conducted until further notice.

Staff will still be required to use the Department issued clear bag and permitted to carry, on their person or in their bag, those items outlined in Attachment A, “Staff Allowable Items.”

The health and well-being of our employees, the incarcerated population and general public continues to be of paramount concern; as such this rapidly evolving situation is being closely monitored.

Please disseminate appropriately to all staff. Questions regarding this matter may be addressed to your assigned Assistant Commissioner for Correctional Facilities.