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## **MEMORANDUM**

To:

All Superintendents

From:

James A. O'Gorman, Deputy Commissioner for Correctional Facilities

Date:

March 26, 2020

Subject:

COVID-19-Double Cell Housing/Internal Moves

In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we previously provided direction to the HUB Superintendents to minimize or eliminate, where possible, double bunking in the medium security facilities.

As we continue to mitigate the spread of this virus, double-cell housing will be limited where possible, contingent upon space availability. All internal facility moves, including within the same housing unit, are suspended, absent exigent circumstances or upon the completion of a disciplinary confinement sanction. The health of our staff and incarcerated population is of paramount concern and this procedure will be followed until further notice.

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