



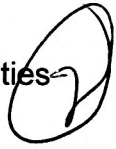
Corrections and Community Supervision

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MEMORANDUM

To: All Superintendents

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

Date: March 19, 2020

Subject: COVID 19-Social Distancing During Transportation Details

Recent events surrounding COVID-19, have emphasized the importance of social distancing measures, to maintain the health and wellness of our staff and the incarcerated population. The following practices will be followed when transporting an incarcerated individual outside the confines of our facilities:

- The number of incarcerated individuals on all transport vehicles will be reduced by at least half until further notice.
- Transfer- Each incarcerated individual shall be handcuffed with locks protected by the "black box" and wear a restraint chain and leg irons. They will not be shackled together or seated next to one another.
- Court trips/Medical trips- Incarcerated individuals shall be restrained in accordance with Directive #4901, "Transporting Prisoners," however, they shall not be seated next to each other during transport.

The Department is implementing this additional measure during this public health emergency, as the well-being of all concerned continues to be of paramount importance.

Please read at line-up for 96 hours and/or disseminate appropriately to all staff, especially staff assigned to transportation details. Questions regarding this matter may be addressed to your assigned Assistant Commissioner for Correctional Facilities.