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### **DOC Reopens Attorney-Client Visitation for Fully Vaccinated Inmates**

**3/15/2021 (Anchorage)** – The Alaska Department of Corrections is reopening attorney-client visitation to all inmates who have been fully vaccinated beginning Wednesday, 3/17/2021, at all DOC institutions statewide.

Reinstating attorney-client visitation comes as part of a larger reopening plan that aims to restore institutional activities and outside access to DOC facilities across the state that were suspended in March of 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

DOC is implementing a series of precautionary measures to ensure the reopening process can be done safely. In addition to social distancing, plexiglass dividers will be placed in visitation rooms and enhanced cleaning will occur after each use.

In order for attorney-client visitation to take place, all requirements listed below must be met:

- Inmate must be fully vaccinated (per the CDC, people are considered fully vaccinated if at least two weeks have passed since they received the second dose of a two-dose series (Moderna or Pfizer) OR at least two weeks have passed since receiving a single dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson).
- Attorneys will be subject to a COVID-19 entry point screening, including temperature readings.
- Face masks covering the nose and mouth are required at all times while inside the institution.
- Appointments are required. Please call the facility to schedule.
- No physical contact is allowed at any time during visitation.

“We recognize how important it is for inmates to be able to connect with not only their attorneys but also friends and family,” said Commissioner Nancy Dahlstrom. “Our reopening plan gradually restores outside access to institutions as well as internal activities such as education and rehabilitation programs, chaplaincy services, and slowly expands social bubbles to allow for mixed recreation and meals among inmates. We are pleased to, once again, make available in person attorney access to their clients. We look forward to expanding the opportunity for visitation to loved ones in the near future.”

Institutions remain closed to the public at this time. DOC continues to follow CDC Guidelines in an effort to keep those who live and work in our facilities safe.

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