



Corrections and Community Supervision

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MEMORANDUM

To: Inmate Population

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

Subject: Notice to Inmate Population-Novel Corona-COVID-19 Precautions

Date: March 5, 2020

PLEASE POST THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IN ALL INMATE HOUSING AREAS AND ANY OTHER AREAS DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

The novel Coronavirus that has been in the press the last several weeks – COVID-19 – has arrived in New York State. Viruses in the Coronavirus family are a known cause of upper respiratory infections resembling influenza. 80% of infected individuals have very mild illness.

In an effort to provide additional information regarding COVID-19, be aware of the following:

- Symptoms of COVID-19, similar to influenza, include cough and fever.
- There are simple steps you can take to stop the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses:
 - Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - Cover your cough or sneeze.
 - Avoid sharing food and utensils.
 - **REPORT ANY SYMPTOMS PROMPTLY.**
 - **Share this information with family and friends before visits are scheduled. If family members display symptoms or may have come in contact with someone known to be or at high risk for infection, they should reschedule the visit.**

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to the appropriate facility officials.