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Attn: Massachusetts Department of Correction Staff

As of June 4, 2024, COVID-19 will be considered one of several viral respiratory illnesses and will no longer have separate standards or guidelines for those living or working in the Massachusetts Department of Correction.

- Incarcerated individuals who test positive for COVID-19 will be isolated for five (5) days minimum. If symptoms are improving or fever is resolved, the incarcerated individual can be released from isolation on day six (6). If symptoms or fever have not improved or resolved, the incarcerated individual will be monitored and remain on isolation until improvement.
- There will no longer be any quarantine for those incarcerated individuals who may be exposed to COVID-19.
- Testing for COVID-19 at intake will not be required.
- COVID-19 vaccinations will be available for those who request them.
- Good hand washing and hygiene are encouraged for everyone.

Thank you for your attention to the guidelines and restrictions that were in place during the highest risk period, but as of this date, COVID-19 will no longer be considered separately from other respiratory illnesses.