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Subj: TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF VISITATION

Ref: (a) American Correctional Association, Standards for Adult Correctional Institutions
4th Edition
(b) SECNAV M-1640.1

1. Purpose. To temporarily suspend prisoner visitation at Navy shore correctional facilities for 30 days in response to the threat of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

2. Applicability. All Navy shore military correctional facilities (MCF).

3. Background

a. Correctional facilities are vulnerable environments for virus outbreaks. During this National State of Emergency due to COVID-19, it is critical we take all precautions necessary to minimize the potential risk to the prisoner population and staff charged with their care and custody. This precaution is consistent with like measures taken by the Federal Bureau of Prisons and many state and local correctional agencies.

b. Reference (a), 4-4354 (Communicable Disease and Infection Control Programs) requires correctional facilities to implement appropriate communicable infectious disease safeguards for prisoners and staff. Reference (a), 4-4498 (Regular Visitation) requires that prisoners should not be denied access to visits with persons of their choice except when clear and convincing evidence that such visitation jeopardizes the safety and security of the facility or the visitors.

c. Article 8301.15b of reference (b) states that visitation may be denied for cause; that there is no absolute, unfettered constitutional right to unrestricted visitation.

4. Action

a. Commanding Officers and Officers in Charge. To minimize exposure of COVID-19, suspend regular prisoner visitation at Navy shore MCFs for 30 days upon signature date. Legal visits should be minimized and conducted in non-contact visitation booths if available. Volunteers visiting the MCF in support of programs should be suspended as well.

b. Navy Personnel Command, Corrections and Programs Office (PERS 00D). Continuously evaluate COVID-19 conditions over the next 30 days and provide MCFs with updated direction as necessary.

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