

# VISITING GUIDELINES

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- ODRC will move to a hybrid system in order to process guests into our facilities. Visitors will have the option of taking an antigen test or they will have the opportunity to present a valid COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card to stand in the place of the antigen test. Should there be any question as to the integrity of the vaccination card, the visitor will be required to receive an antigen test prior to being authorized to visit.
- Visitors and incarcerated adults shall go through the same symptom screening process as employees (based on CDC and ODH guidance) to include each person answering questions and having a temperature check before entering the visitation area.
- Each facility shall adhere to the DRC Housekeeping Plan with COVID-19 Pandemic Update, issued on May 12, 2020, to thoroughly sanitize all areas of visiting between sessions.
- The use of vending machines is permitted with the cleaning of touch points between each use. Food and drink products purchased may be handed to the incarcerated person by the visitor if the physical environment allows. Items purchased are not to be shared during the visit.
- Visitation will be limited to two visitors per session.
- Children under the age of 5 will not be permitted to visit during this phase.
- Hand sanitizer shall be made available in each front entry and visiting room for all persons in the area.
- A list of COVID-19 symptoms will be posted in a conspicuous location such as Front Entry and the Visitation Room.
- Institutions have been asked to return to pre-COVID visitation schedules.
- Each facility shall coordinate operations to ensure social distancing that may include staggering of guest processing to avoid gathering in the front entry.
- Each institution will create a written visitation plan to communicate detailed instructions to its employees. Similarly, an electronic communication should be sent to the incarcerated population of all facilities expressing details that are institution-specific.
- Institutions will provide disposable masks to visitors. All visitors will be required to wear masks at all times during inside visitation sessions. Vaccinated visitors will not be required to wear masks during outside visitation. Unvaccinated visitors will be required to wear masks for inside and outside visitation.
- Vaccinated incarcerated persons will be identified with a white zip tie affixed to the right side of their identification card.
- All incarcerated persons, regardless of their vaccination status, will be required to wear a mask for the entire duration of the visit (inside and outside visits).
- Physical visitation space and the discretion of the managing officer will determine the amount of daily visitation opportunities ensuring there is a minimum of six-foot distance between guest(s) and incarcerated adult groupings for social distancing purposes.
- Physical contact (hug/embrace) between the guest(s) and incarcerated person are permitted at the beginning and end of visits.
- Each facility may install transparent barriers at the Officer's station at front entry, visitor processing areas, and in the visiting room to create a barrier between staff and visitors.