



## The Illinois Department of Corrections

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Dear Men and Women in Custody,

Your health, safety, and well-being are among our highest priorities at the Illinois Department of Corrections. In order to prevent the spread of illness, the Department has consulted with internal and external experts and determined a course of action.

To address specific issues related to the flu and COVID-19, we are working to limit exposure to risk factors and symptoms. In order to accomplish this, the following will be done:

- 1) Asymptomatic individuals with exposure to risk factors will be quarantined.
- 2) Symptomatic individuals with exposure to risk factors will be isolated.

**For your safety and the safety of others, you are required to have your temperature taken when requested. If you refuse to have this done, you will be subject to quarantine.**

**As a reminder, please continue to follow these common-sense practices:**

- Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds using soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with the inside of the arm or with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue away immediately. Wash hands as soon as possible afterward.

Sincerely,

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