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Temporary Suspension of Visitation

Effectively immediately, upon the recommendation of the Rensselaer County Health Department regarding the **COVID-19 virus**, the inmate visitation program at the Rensselaer County Correctional Facility will be suspended until such time as public health officials determine it is safe to allow the general public access for the purpose of visitation.

County and Sheriff's Office staff are working diligently with contract vendors to provide the inmate population with alternate means of remaining in contact with family and friends via the use of video visitation, telephone calls and tablet usage at reduced rates. Please be patient while we work to accomplish these measures.

Attorney visits will be non-contact or via the video teleconferencing units in the professional visitation area.

All volunteer programs and services will also be suspended, based upon this recommendation.

It is the intention of County Officials and Sheriff's Office staff to provide the inmate population and all individuals affected, with regular updates regarding this matter. We ask that you please understand that these measures are taken to protect the at-risk inmate population, staff, volunteers and visitors health and welfare to the best of our ability during this public health emergency. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

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