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**Re: Temporary Suspension of In-person Visits by Legal Counsel**

As a result of new information on the number of cases of COVID-19 in Alberta, the Correctional Services Division has implemented interim procedures related to in-person visitation in adult correctional facilities and young offender centres.

- Effective immediately, visits to Alberta provincial correctional facilities and young offender centres are temporarily suspended.
- If legal counsel requires to meet their client in person, arrangements may be made in advance with the respective correctional facility or young offender centre. The visit shall occur in visitation areas where there is a glass partition between the lawyer and client, with hygiene and safety considerations being paramount.
- As an alternative, lawyers may telephone the respective correctional facility or young offender centre and request their client to telephone them; however, client telephone response may be delayed, pursuant to facility routines and constraints.

Protecting the health of Albertans is our top priority. The Correctional Services Division will continue to closely monitor the situation, review all options, and will take additional steps as necessary.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

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Joanne Panasiuk  
Executive Director  
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Shawn Rainault  
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