

May 6, 2021

Kevin Walby  
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Dear Kevin Walby:

**Re: Access to Information Request CP 274-20G**

An access to information request was received in this office on March 1, 2021, requesting access to:

Communications and Meetings with Community Partners

I am requesting memorandums, briefing notes, information notes, statistics and power point decks pertaining to inter-agency communications and meetings with community partners, including non-profit charities.

On March 17, 2021 our office advised you the request had been placed on hold, pending clarification of the request details.

On March 22, 2021 our office received clarification revising the request details to:

Communications and Meetings with Community Partners

I am requesting memorandums and briefing notes of the direction given regarding Covid-19 procedures to community partners such as Religious groups, Education groups, or volunteers that would have been coming into correctional facilities, including non-profit charities 1 March 2020 to 31 August 2020.

On April 19, 2021 our office advised you that the 30-day response period has been extended an additional 30 days, and a response would be provided by May 19, 2021.

On April 21, 2021 the Ministry responded with records do not exist. Upon further review, the program area identified records responsive to your request.

This is to inform you that your access to information request has been fully granted.

If you would like to exercise your right to request a review of this decision, you may do so by completing a "Request for Review" form and forwarding it to the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner within one year of this notice. Your completed form can be sent to #503 – 1801 Hamilton Street, Regina, Saskatchewan, S4P 4B4. This form is available at the same location which you applied for access or by contacting the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner at (306) 787-8350.

If you have any questions, please contact Isaac Mwenge, Information Management Consultant at 306-798-8067.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Orban', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Aaron Orban  
Executive Director, Access and Privacy Branch



From: Mark McFadyen  
Executive Director, Custody Services  
Ministry of Corrections and Policing

Date: June 29, 2020

Phone: 306-787-1877

To: Custody Services Stakeholders

Re: **UPDATE: Custody Services Response to COVID-19**

I would like to provide you with an update on some of the actions taken and planned to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission within custody facilities and which may continue to impact our stakeholders in the community. Custody, Supervision and Rehabilitation Services (CSRS) is committed to taking all necessary measures to protect the health and safety of all offenders and young persons in our custody facilities and that of our employees, service providers, justice system partners and community stakeholders during this pandemic.

Infection, prevention and control activities have been implemented following recommendations from Public Health, Ministry and Provincial Emergency Operation Centres (PEOC), Occupational Health and Safety and our Provincial Policy – Health Services 612 – *Communicable Disease Outbreak*.

The CSRS Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) has been meeting weekly and is represented on the PEOC table to facilitate rapid identification of issues and coordination of internal responses as well as responses between stakeholders, and as part of provincial emergency planning. Mitigation strategies include a range of physical/environmental, administrative and supply control measures.

Environmental controls implemented to date include continued enhanced cleaning protocols such frequent cleaning of high traffic/high touch areas, a screening checklist and infection control protocols for all new admissions, and isolation, quarantine and contingency space continues and will be adaptable should the situation change.

Administrative controls include staff screening and sanitizing protocols. All custody facilities are following the direction of Public Health and of pertinent CSRS provincial policies. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is available for all custody facility employees for use based on the level of risk for a given circumstance as recommended by Public Health, provincial government guidance, and Occupational Health and Safety. Orders to supplement PPE and supply inventories have been made and will continue based on need.

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Alternate programming options have been developed to allow for safe physical distancing. The majority of group programming has been altered; however, access to individual programming, including educational and activity materials will be provided with further options being sourced. Elder and Chaplain services for custody facilities will continue to be provided remotely by telephone contact with offenders/young persons until further notice.

Personal visits to all adult and youth custody facilities have been suspended but opportunities for continued social contact are being facilitated, primarily through increasing telephone contact. In adult facilities, one free daily 10 minute calls have been added for all offenders and offender calls to Elders and Chaplains will be free, non-recorded, and facilitated on an individual basis. With respect to professional visits, in-person visits will resume on June 29, 2020 following the established COVID-19 guidelines in each individual facility. These guidelines may differ in each facility based on their unique infrastructure; please contact the facility before your visit. Currently health care providers have resumed in-person clinics with established guidelines.

Offender contact with legal counsel, the court, and community supports is occurring by telephone or CCTV. CSRS has continued to work closely with Court Services and offender transport, and police agencies, to reduce risk of transmission during transport and admission. Actions include: using video court appearance whenever possible, new admissions to arrive with a pre-screening form completed and wearing procedural/surgical protective masks, increased pre-transfer communication between facilities and transporting agencies, and the rescheduling all non-essential appointments in the community.

Reintegration leaves for eligible sentenced offenders are being processed according to established policy standards. CSRS is working closely with Public Prosecutions and Court Services on managing new admissions and judicial processes. Protocols for offenders/young persons discharged from custody facilities with unresolved COVID-19 symptoms have been developed to include confirming living arrangements after discharge, referrals as needed to Social Services, facilitation of appropriate transportation, and provision of a COVID-19 information sheet with strategies to reduce the transmission of the virus and when to contact a health care provider.

If you have any questions, please contact me.



Mark McFadyen  
Executive Director, Custody Services

cc: Dale Larsen, Deputy Minister of Corrections and Policing  
Heather Scriver, Assistant Deputy Minister, Custody, Supervision and  
Rehabilitation Services