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TO: All Superintendents

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Prisons/Health Services Unified Command Incident Commanders
Timothy Thrasher, Mission Housing Administrator

SUBJECT: Restrictive Housing Additional Cold Weather Items during COVID-19

To ensure all facilities implement a consistent and sustainable process within all restricted housing units, please implement the following process in full by November 2, 2020:

- When individuals are placed or transferred into a restrictive housing unit, issue each of them a beanie, jacket and pair of shoes.
- Store the individuals’ beanie/jacket/shoes in near proximately to their cells for staff ease and less likelihood of mistakes, i.e., providing items to the wrong individual.
- Beanie/jacket/shoes shall not be stored inside the individual’s cell.
- Supplies of beanies/jackets/shoes shall be ordered immediately, after reviewing current stock on hand, by completing a 213 (DOC 18-044A) with indication the purchase is COVID-19-related.
- Work with local Correctional Industries Laundry Services to determine the laundering schedule for the jacket/beanie during the time it is assigned to an individual. The schedule should be no less than once per month, and sooner if soiled. Current disinfecting process for shoes at facility shall be followed.
- When an individual is released from a restrictive housing unit, the assigned items will be sent to laundry and returned to the restrictive housing unit stock.

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