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TO: All DOC Staff

FROM: Julie Martin, Deputy Secretary

SUBJECT: DOC moves towards reopening in person visitation

The Washington State Department of Corrections is very pleased to announce that Safe Start Corrections Visitation is moving forward, with first visit sessions anticipated to start in early May.

The Department takes very seriously the health and safety of its staff and the individuals in its custody and has been working hard to ensure that visits will be able to occur as safely as possible with appropriate COVID-19 protocols in place.

Corrections is currently training staff on the operating system for scheduling visits and is finalizing frequently asked questions and information that will be helpful in using the online scheduling tool for visitors, which is expected to be available for use soon. Currently, a few members of the statewide family council are reviewing and providing feedback on this tool.

More information is expected to come in the first week of May with details on the scheduling program and in person visitation.