



## RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS REVISED COVID-19 IN-PERSON VISITATION GUIDELINES

All facilities and visitors must follow the guidelines outlined below. Facilities may tailor specifications to their respective facility layout and limitations, as necessary. In addition to these temporary rules, visitors must also adhere to the visitation rules outlined in the most recent version of RIDOC Policy 24.03 DOC, [Visits](#). ***Refusal to comply will result in the denial of entry into the facility.***

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**Please note that due to the current low community transmission rates, masks, verification of vaccine status, and pre-visit testing will not be required at this time. These requirements may change in the future based on guidelines and recommendations, as well as community and facility transmission rates. Visitors are encouraged to verify visit requirements before each visit. On-site visitor COVID testing has been suspended until further notice.**

RIDOC will continue to evaluate these protocols to determine if adjustments need to be made. Before visiting, please review RIDOC's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/RhodeIslandDOC>) or Family & Visitors webpage (<https://doc.ri.gov/family-visitors>) for updates to visitation requirements.

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- Any visitor who is feeling ill or who has been diagnosed as COVID-19 **POSITIVE** in the last ten (10) days or are awaiting test results will not be permitted to enter.
    - Visitors are encouraged to test in the community prior to visiting in-person.
    - Masking is encouraged to prevent the spread of flu and COVID. Every effort will be made to have masks available to visitors who want them.
  - All visitors **will** be visually observed for symptoms. The facility has the right to refuse entrance if it is determined that a visitor is showing signs of having COVID symptoms.
  - Visitation durations are at the discretion of facility administration.
  - The number of visitors allowed per inmate is based on each facility's visiting room capacity.
  - A brief embrace at the beginning and end of the visit is permitted, based on facility-specific rules and/or a facility's current transmission rate.
  - No food or beverages are permitted.
  - If for any reason a visitor needs to leave the visitation area, **re-entry is not permitted.**
  - Visitors must sanitize their hands, utilizing hand sanitizer provided by RIDOC, upon entering and exiting the facility, and visitors who utilize lockers must disinfect the front of the locker and the key before and after each use (RIDOC will provide visitors with appropriate disinfectant).
  - In-person visitation will not take place for inmates on quarantine or medical isolation status.
  - A visit may be terminated at any time by facility administration or their designee.
  - Facility visitation may be cancelled at any time by the RIDOC Director or her designee.