

Memorandum

Date : August 19, 2010

To : Wardens

Subject: **LABOR DAY VISITING CLOSURE – SEPTEMBER 6, 2010**


Due to a continued significant fiscal shortfall within the state of California, it has become necessary to close and disallow visits on Labor Day, Monday, September 6, 2010. Because of this situation, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) will, unfortunately, shut down visiting at all institutions and camps on September 6, 2010.

The CDCR is in process of assessing and implementing several long term strategies to reduce the fiscal deficit continuing to adversely effect the Department. As part of these efforts, the Division of Adult Institutions (DAI) has reviewed and determined that Labor Day is the least frequented of the five approved holiday visiting days as identified in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 15, Section 3172.2, and the DAI will be initiating a regulatory change to modify this section of the CCR to permanently reduce Labor Day from the visiting schedule.

We recognize the disappointment this may bring to our visiting population; however, because of the serious continued fiscal condition of the State, CDCR must take this drastic measure. Of the current potential fiscal reductions being reviewed, this is the only strategy impacting the institution visiting program. This closure will not affect scheduled Family Visiting which will proceed as previously approved and planned. Any prior scheduled Warden approved compassionate hospital visits remain authorized. Also, contract bed facilities will not be affected by this temporary closure nor will attorney visits, and mandated visits by the court.

Institutions shall ensure this information is effectively communicated to all staff, inmates, and visitors using local memorandums to staff, bulletins notices in visiting rooms, closed circuit television systems, inmate visiting telephone recording systems, and institution internet web sites. All employees workload related to visiting operations is to be discontinued on September 6, 2010. Institutions are not to hire for any vacant visiting position for this date. Any permanent full-time staff assigned to a visiting post shall provide local necessary security coverage based upon operational needs.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this difficult time. If you have any questions, please contact Debra Herndon, Associate Director, Division of Adult Institutions, at (916) 322-8055.


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