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Chairman

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Commissioner

CHAIRMAN'S MEMORANDUM

NO: 3-2021

DATE: March 8, 2021

TO: SHERIFFS, COMMISSIONERS OF CORRECTION, JAIL ADMINISTRATORS, WARDENS, JAIL PHYSICIANS, FACILITY MEDICAL DIRECTORS, and SSD FACILITY DIRECTORS

RE: Health Advisory: CDC Recommendations for Quarantine Duration in Correctional and Detention Facilities

The Commission of Correction has received several recent communications from local correctional facilities inquiring whether recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance shortening COVID-19 quarantine periods applied to incarcerated populations and facility staff. According to the recently published [Recommendations for Quarantine Duration in Correctional and Detention Facilities](#), "CDC recommends continued use of a 14-day quarantine in correctional and detention facilities to minimize transmissions, illness and secondary clusters, and additional operational costs that could be incurred with shortened quarantine. This recommendation applies to both incarcerated persons as well as the staff of these facilities."

Please immediately review this information with your respective administration and local health officials, and make any necessary adjustments to your policies, procedures and operations in response to this rapidly evolving public health crisis. As detention facilities are especially at risk for the spread of communicable disease, due to the number of individuals living in close proximity to one another, facilities must take all available precautions to minimize the risk of a COVID-19 outbreak, while simultaneously maintaining a safe and secure facility.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allen Riley".

Allen Riley, Chairman