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PURPOSE

Regulations governing incarcerated individual visiting are necessary in order to attain the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services' (NDCS) objectives to increase opportunities for incarcerated individual self-development and to maintain a safe, secure and humane environment for incarcerated individuals, team members and the public.

PROCESS

It is the procedure of the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women (NCCW) to allow incarcerated individuals visiting privileges and retain such privileges as long as the incarcerated individual does not violate the rules and regulations governing visiting.

The NCCW Visiting Regulations shall be made available to visitors, NCCW team members, and incarcerated individuals so interested parties may be informed of the details of this program. Copies of the Visiting Procedure may be obtained from the Pass Clerk's desk or from the NDCS website www.corrections.ne.gov.


The content of this procedure is intended primarily as a procedural guideline for team members to follow in implementing the NCCW's visiting regulations and informing visitors and incarcerated individuals of these procedures. Further detailed information is also noted in Policy 205.02, *Visiting*, and is recommended for NCCW team members, incarcerated individuals and visitors to review. Nothing in these regulations should in any way be interpreted or construed to mean that visiting is an automatic "right" or that regulations governing the visiting process create any rights or benefits for incarcerated individuals, which are not explicitly stated in Section § 83-186 of the Nebraska State Statutes. In compliance with the content of that statute, the Warden retains full authority to permit or deny visits by members of the public.

NCCW will follow all guidelines set forth in policy 205.02, *Visiting*, the below information is specific to NCCW.

DEFINITIONS

Definitions for the following can be found in NDCS Policy 205.02, *Visiting*. NCCW will follow all NDCS rules, regulations and policies regarding these topics: Immediate Family, Special Visit, Extended Visits, Emergency Visits

Reasonable Suspicion – Objective, articulable fact(s) which would reasonably lead an experienced correctional employee to conclude that a particular visitor or individual is concealing something on their body for the purpose of transporting or attempting to transport such material (contraband) into the institution.

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PROCESS

I. WHO MAY VISIT

An NCCW incarcerated individual may have visits from anyone they choose subject to the approval of the Warden/designee. In making their determination, the Warden shall consider the effect the presence of such visitors shall have on the NCCW, its team members, the incarcerated individuals confined within, and the probable effect such presence shall have upon the rehabilitative progress of the incarcerated individual to be visited. Actual administration of the visiting approval process is delegated to the Assistant Warden/designee.

II. ADDITIONAL VISITING REGULATIONS

A. Visitation Applications

No visitors will be permitted to visit prior to submittal of the authorized visiting forms and approval by the Warden/designee. False or incomplete information on this form will result in a denial of visiting privileges.

B. Scheduling Visits

All visits (in-person or virtual) must be scheduled seven (7) days in advances through the Nebraska Department of Corrections website:

<https://www.corrections.nebraska.gov/facilities/nebraska-correctional-center-women>.

Visits must be approved three (3) days in advance of the requested visit to attend.


C. Virtual Visits

Virtual visits will be made available by a contracted provider. Further information regarding virtual visits can be found on the Nebraska Department of Corrections website:

<https://www.corrections.nebraska.gov/facilities/nebraska-correctional-center-women>.

III. VISITATION APPROVAL PROCESS

A. It is the responsibility of each incarcerated individual to initiate the visiting process. Incarcerated individuals may obtain a Visitation Request Form (VRF) (attachment #1) from a team member and mail them to those persons they desire to have placed on their approved visiting lists. Any VRF that is not returned directly to the office at the below address, is incomplete or is sent to the incarcerated individual will not be processed. Each prospective visitor must complete a VRF and return it to the following address for processing:

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Pass Clerk
 Nebraska Correctional Center for Women
 1107 Recharge Rd
 York, NE 68467

B. The Pass Clerk will follow the below steps to approve/deny a VRF received at NCCW:

1. The Pass Clerk will verify the VRF is completed correctly. If the form is not completed, a notation will be made at the bottom and forwarded to the Assistant Warden/designee for review.
2. The Pass Clerk will then use the visitor's Social Security Number (SSN) to do a search to verify the visitor is not listed on another NDCS incarcerated individuals approved visiting list. If the visitor is on another NDCS incarcerated individuals approved visiting list, the relationship will be reviewed to see if they meet the NDCS qualifications (i.e., immediate family) to be on more than one incarcerated individual approved visiting list. If they do not meet the qualifications, a note will be placed at the bottom of the VRF and forwarded to the Assistant Warden/designee for review.
3. The Pass Clerk will then enter the visitor's full Name, SSN, Date of Birth (DOB) into the incarcerated individuals visiting list. This does not mean the visitor is approved, but shows they are "processing".
4. The Pass Clerk then creates a form that lists the visitor's Name, SSN, DOB and the incarcerated individual's name and number they wish to visit into the Nebraska State Penitentiary. This information is used to do the background check (NCIC) on the visitor wishing to visit.
5. Once the NCIC is completed, they are returned to the NCCW Pass Clerk who reviews the documents with the VRF and makes a recommendation for approval/denial. If the recommendation is denial, the reason will be noted at the bottom along with the Pass Clerk's initials and the date.
6. The Pass Clerk sends the forms with the recommendations to the Assistant Warden/designee for final approval/denial.
7. All VRF's, once approved/denied will be forwarded to the Records office for retention in the incarcerated individual's institutional file.

C. The Assistant Warden then returns the completed approval/denied VRF's to the Pass Clerk who will enter the approval/denial into the computer system. The denied forms will be sent to Records to be filed in the incarcerated individual's master file. The Pass Clerk then removes the bottom portion of the form indicating to the incarcerated individual the visitor was approved or denied.

1. The Pass Clerk will destroy all criminal history information after 60 days.

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2. The VRF will be separated and signed by the Pass Clerk, the bottom section and forward to the incarcerated individual (which is the incarcerated individual's official notification of a particular visitor's status) and the top section to Records to be filed in the incarcerated individual's institutional record.


- D. All visitors must have their VRF approved/ denied by the Assistant Warden/designee.
- E. Whenever an incarcerated individual receives a VRF notification slip from the Pass Clerk indicating a particular visitor has been either approved or denied visiting, it shall be the responsibility of the incarcerated individual to notify that person of that particular approval or denied decision.
- F. Any individual who has not been approved to visit may appeal that decision directly to the Warden/designee in writing.
- G. Any incarcerated individual may grieve the VRF decision through the grievance procedure.
- H. The Warden/designee must approve all VRF's submitted by the victim of an offense committed by the respective incarcerated individual.

IV. SPECIAL, EMERGENCY AND EXTENDED VISIT PROCEDURES

- A. Whenever an incarcerated individual knows in advance that they are expecting a visitor who would fall under Special, Emergency, and Extended Visits Guidelines, they must request visiting consideration by submitting a Special/Extended/Emergency Visit Form (Attachment #1) to their Case Manager. It is required that forms for Extended visits be submitted at least seven working days (Monday through Friday excluding holidays) to their Case Manager. All completed Special, Emergency and Extended Visiting forms will be given to the Case Manager to verify the information noted on the form and then forward it to the Unit Administrator who will make the final approval/denial decision. If approved, this form will be forwarded to the Pass Clerk where they will keep it on file until the requested visit day arrives. If the visitor does not arrive on the expected day, the Pass Clerk will note it on the form. The Pass Clerk will sign their name to the form, date it, and distribute as noted on the form. A special visit may be extended with the permission of the Unit Administrator.
- B. If a visitor arrives at the NCCW who was not expected by the incarcerated individual but who is otherwise eligible for special visits, the applicable Warden/designee or a higher authority will make the decision as to whether or not to allow that person to visit.
- C. Visits for incarcerated individuals housed in the SNF beds at NCCW or on a plan A or B status will be reviewed by the Administration and handled on a case-by-case basis.

V. CONTROLLED MOVEMENT (Behavior Intervention and Programming Unit (BIPU))

- A. Incarcerated individuals assigned to BIPU may be required to visit in restraints, according to their restraint level.

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B. Visits shall be conducted in the Visiting Room at the designated times. BIPU incarcerated individuals may be denied visits for reasons of security or good order of the facility.


VI. CLERGY, ATTORNEYS AND PUBLIC OFFICIAL VISITS

A. Attorney and Public Official Visits


1. Attorneys and public officials may visit incarcerated individuals at the NCCW at any time provided they do not interfere with counts, security measures, or emergencies, and that they occur during reasonable hours. Reasonable hours are defined as between 0800 and 1600 hours, Monday through Friday. This policy does not apply to public officials who by Statute (Section 83-186) are authorized to enter the institution at any time.
2. Attorneys and public officials may visit without placement on an incarcerated individual's visiting list. Attorneys entering a facility on official business will be required to show a current photo ID along with a valid Bar Association Card. Attorneys will not be subject to a search of their person; however, the attorney's belongings will be searched, and they must pass through the metal detector. Team members will not read any legal materials during the search of the attorney's belongings.
3. Attorneys are authorized to bring in a digital camera and laptop or tablet that does not have cellular capability. Attorneys will present these items for inspection, and a notation will be made in the Visitor Sign In log located at the front desk of the administration building.
4. Paralegals for Attorneys may visit to conduct legal research regarding an incarcerated individual's case after the Attorney submits a letter to the Warden and is approved identifying the paralegal, incarcerated individual client, and nature of the business to be conducted. No person acting in the capacity of a paralegal will be admitted into the institution without a letter of endorsement from their Attorney. Paralegals are required to submit a NCIC and must be approved prior to entry.

B. Clergy Visits

1. Incarcerated individuals desiring approval of Clergy for visitation will request it to the Religious Coordinator on an Incarcerated individual Interview Request. The Religious Coordinator will mail a Clergy Visitation Request Form (C-VRF) to the requested Clergy along with a copy of the NDCS Information for Clergy and Lay Religious Visitors. Clergy members must visit on regular visiting days and hours only.
2. Clergy will return the completed C-VRF to Central Office with a photocopy of their current clergy credentials.
3. If the Central Office approves a C-VRF, the Religious Coordinator will make notation of the clergy's addition to the incarcerated individual's Visiting Record and notify the requesting incarcerated individual in writing of the approval of the clergy visitor.

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4. Denial of a C-VRF will be done by Central Office only after consulting with the Religious Coordinator and Warden. The above steps will be followed after the decision to denial has been made, except addition of the clergy to the incarcerated individual's Visiting Record.
5. The Central Office will update the database of all approved clergy. The Religious Coordinator will verify the visitor's clergy status in NiCAMS.
6. Clergy will be added to the visiting list of a particular incarcerated individual only by the request of that incarcerated individual.
7. Clergy may visit up to four incarcerated individuals at the same time. BIPU incarcerated individuals are excluded without prior approval from the Assistant Warden/designee.
8. Clergy must request to visit an incarcerated individual through the NDCS website. This request must be made 7 days in advance of the day they wish to visit and must be approved prior to arrival.
9. If a member of the clergy arrives at NCCW during other than "reasonable hours" and claims a need for a visit with an incarcerated individual due to an emergency, (e.g., death, injury or serious illness of an immediate family member), the clergy will relay complete background information to the Shift Supervisor through the Central Control team member by telephone. The Shift Supervisor will verify the emergency information as received. Upon verification and approval, reasonable efforts will be made to escort the incarcerated individual to the Visiting Center for the requested visit.
10. When processing a Clergy member into the institution, Pass Clerks and Front Entrance team members should check the person requesting to visit against the Clergy/Volunteer Database.
 - a. If the requesting clergy person is listed and they are authorized to visit the requested incarcerated individual, the visit will be processed according to normal procedures.
 - b. If the Clergy visitor is active on the Clergy/Volunteer database but does not appear on the incarcerated individual's approved visiting list in NiCaMS, the visit will not be approved. The incarcerated individual will need to request the clergy be added to their approved visitor list.
 - c. If the Clergy visitor is not active in the Clergy/Volunteer database, then they need to inform the incarcerated individual so the incarcerated individual can submit an Incarcerated individual Interview Request to the Religious Coordinator to have that clergy person added to the Clergy/Volunteer database and incarcerated individual's list in NiCAMS.
11. Clergy may perform communion during visitation. No wine will be introduced into the institution on clergy visit. Grape juice, in small quantity and contained in a factory sealed container, may be used. Only enough bread for those taking communion will be allowed into the institution. All unused portions must be taken out of the institution by the visiting clergy.

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Visiting clergy desiring to perform other pastoral acts including baptism and family counseling will be encouraged to contact the Religious Coordinator for information and scheduling.

12. Religious Materials

- a. Incarcerated individuals wishing to receive religious instruction requiring religious material may take one book containing the tenets of their faith and one additional religious book to a clergy visit.
- b. Visiting clergy may bring one book containing the tenets of their faith and one additional religious book for instructional purposes. These materials will be searched entering and exiting the institution. No materials may be left with an incarcerated individual during the visit. Clergy are allowed to bring one writing utensil. Paper currency is not authorized; however, clergy visitors may bring up to \$20.00 in coins of any denomination for use in the vending machines.

C. Attorney-Client rooms located in the visiting area will be utilized for meetings with attorneys and/or clergy. If all of those rooms are in use, the following options are available:

- 1. If all designated spaces are occupied, the visitor will be asked if they would like to visit in the general population visiting room.
- 2. If that option is not acceptable, they will be asked to wait until one of the earlier mentioned spaces becomes available.


D. Whenever any of these rooms are in use, the Visiting Room and/or custody team members will perform random security checks. No conversations between incarcerated individuals and attorneys/clergy shall be overheard, recorded, or listened to in any manner. All reasonable precautions shall be taken to preserve confidentiality.

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VII. VISITATION DAYS AND HOURS

A. Visiting Schedule


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:00 AM - 10:30 AM			12:00 PM - 2:30 PM	2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	8:00 AM - 10:30 AM
8:00 AM - 10:30 AM			12:00 PM - 2:30 PM	2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	8:00 AM - 10:30 AM
1:00 PM - 3:30 PM			12:00 PM - 2:30 PM	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	1:00 PM - 3:30 PM	8:00 AM - 10:30 AM
1:00 PM - 3:30 PM			12:00 PM - 2:30 PM	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	1:00 PM - 3:30 PM	1:00 PM - 3:30 PM
1:00 PM - 3:30 PM			12:00 PM - 2:30 PM	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	1:00 PM - 3:30 PM	1:00 PM - 3:30 PM
				6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	1:00 PM - 3:30 PM	
				6:30 PM - 8:00 PM		


 GENERAL POPULATION LAST NAMES A-M

 RSU LAST NAMES A-M

 C2 Population (not including Protective Custody)

 Protective Custody

 GENERAL POPULATION LAST NAMES N-Z

 RSU LAST NAMES N-Z


 Bip-U

1. Visitor must arrive 15-30 minutes prior to their approved visit. Anyone arriving after the start of the scheduled visiting time will not be permitted to visit. Exceptions to this would be the visiting session starting late due to facility need.

2. Exceptions to any of these hours may be made if necessary due to special circumstances with approval from the shift supervisor.

B. Incarcerated Individuals Confined to Community Hospital

1. Emergency Room Visitors

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Incarcerated individuals receiving emergency medical room treatment will not generally be permitted to have visitors. In the event the incarcerated individual's family was notified of the medical emergency, the Shift Supervisor will telephone the hospital (York General Hospital) switchboard (402-362-6671) and request to speak with Hospital Security/Charge Nurse. This notification will be completed as soon as possible. The Shift Supervisor will advise the hospital that the incarcerated individual's family has been notified and there is a potential for unauthorized visitors to enter the hospital

2. Hospital Visitors

a. Incarcerated individuals will not be permitted to have visitors at the hospital when they have been admitted except in life-threatening situations or childbirth. Exceptions to this must be approved by the Warden/designee. Visits will be limited to two immediate family members at one time from the incarcerated individuals approved visiting list. These visits will be one-hour visits no more than twice a day. Visiting hours are between 0800 and 2000 hours. These NCCW hospital visiting procedures in regard to the number of visitors, length of visit and hours of visit apply unless more stringent visiting rules are implemented by the hospital. NCCW team members will notify hospital security of any approved visits. The following provisions apply to outside hospital visits:

- 1) Visitors will receive two copies of the visitor pass from NCCW. The pass will not include the room number.
- 2) Visitors will be instructed to report to the Information Desk and ask for the charge nurse on duty.
- 3) The hospital security will check the visitors photo ID against the visiting pass and escort the visitor(s) to the room. The charge nurse will retain one copy of the pass and NCCW assigned custody team members will retain the other copy.
- 4) At the conclusion of the visit, NCCW escort team members will contact the hospital security and advise them the visit has ended.
- 5) Any questions/concerns will be forwarded to the Shift Supervisor and communicated to hospital staff as necessary. NCCW escort team members will contact hospital staff immediately in the event of any emergency.

C. Special Holidays

1. Thanksgiving Day

Even though Thanksgiving is always on a regular visiting day (Thursday), a special visiting schedule is developed on this holiday to allow all incarcerated individuals visiting privileges.

2. Christmas Day and New Year's Day

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a. If either of these holidays coincide with a non-visiting day (Monday or Tuesday), visiting will be allowed and a special schedule developed.

1) General population incarcerated individuals will be allowed to visit during the morning session. Individuals housed in C2 or BIPU will be allowed to visit in the afternoon session. Incarcerated individuals may not visit during both sessions

2) Each of these two holidays is considered an additional authorized visiting day during the weeks they occur and will not count against an incarcerated individual's regular visits during those respective holiday weeks. A memorandum will be issued by the captain's office with the approved holiday visiting hours to the incarcerated individual population and visitors.

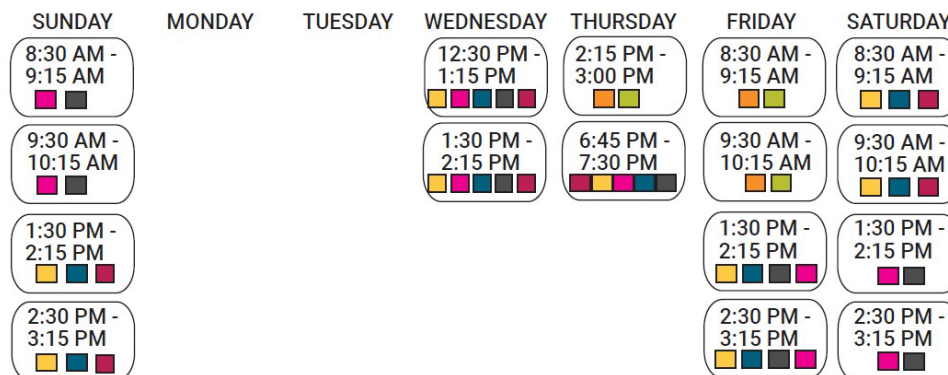
3. Other Holidays (e.g., Independence Day, Veteran's Day)

a. Whenever other state/national holidays coincide with regular visiting days (Wednesday – Sunday), the regular visiting schedule will be followed.

b. When these other holidays coincide with non-regularly scheduled visiting days (Monday and Tuesday), no visits will be allowed as usual on those days.

4. Virtual Visitation

Below are the Virtual Visitation Hours:



■ GENERAL POPULATION A-M

■ RSU LAST NAMES A-M


■ C2 Population (not including Protective Custody)

■ Protective Custody

■ GENERAL POPULATION N-Z

■ RSU LAST NAMES N-Z


■ Bip-U

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- a. All visits must be scheduled via the NDCS website.
- b. All video visits will be conducted through the tablets in the visiting center. Only Five video visits can run at one time in the facility.
- c. All visitors (adults and minors) must be approved visitors before they can schedule and participate in a video visit. If there is a no contact with minors' restriction in place, minors will not be allowed to participate in the video visit.
- d. All visitors, 16 and older, must provide a copy of a government issued ID to NCCW.
- e. Up to 4 adult visitors may appear in a video visit and there is no limit on the minors that can be in a video visit. All who appear in the video must be approved visitors.
- f. The same dress code rules for contact visitation apply to both incarcerated individuals and visitors for video visits.
- g. All video visits are subject to monitoring by NCCW staff. Behaviors that violate visiting rules will be addressed through misconduct reports. Video visitation can be suspended. Serious violations such as indecent exposure, show of illegal substance and/or weapons can lead to immediate termination of a video visit and suspension of all visiting privileges (contact and video visitation).
- h. All other incarcerated individuals in the visiting center can not interfere with a video visit. This includes attempting to communicate with the incarcerated individual and/or visitor participating in the visit. Please be respectful to those participating in the visits.
- i. Incarcerated individuals are responsible for communicating with their visitors which visiting blocks they are available to visit.
- j. Further information regarding Virtual Visitation Program can be found in NDCS policy 205.01, *Visiting*, attachment I.

VIII. VISITING LIMITATIONS

- A. Once an incarcerated individual completes a visit and leaves the Visiting Room, the incarcerated individual's visits for that visiting period are terminated. Once an incarcerated individual leaves the session, the incarcerated individual must wait for the next session. The incarcerated individual can have multiple visits in the same day if it is a special/ extended visit. The incarcerated individual will have to leave the Visiting Room after each visit is completed.
- B. Any person shown by substantial evidence to have had or who quite likely will present/impose a harmful or deleterious effect on an incarcerated individual or who is considered to pose a threat to the good order and security of the institution shall be excluded from any approved visiting list.

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C. Special visiting restrictions may be imposed by the NCCW due to scheduling, space, and/or personnel constraints. The maximum capacity of the Visiting Room is limited to 78 persons by order of the State Fire Marshal. The maximum capacity of the Visiting Room is governed by the total of chairs assigned to the Visiting Room.

D. The Warden/designee must approve all VRF's submitted by the victim of an offense committed by the respective incarcerated individual.

IX. NO CONTACT WITH MINORS

A. The following procedures will affect incarcerated individuals who have committed crimes in which the victims were minor aged children (age 18 and under). This includes current and prior convictions and any verifiable plea agreements regarding it. Arrests without convictions may be considered if a pattern of prior abuse exists. The following offenses committed against minor children shall be considered: murder, manslaughter, sexual assault, sexual assault of a child, assault, incest, fondling, child abuse, pornography, contributing to the delinquency of minor, terroristic threats, kidnapping, false imprisonment, or other related offenses.

B. Once an incarcerated individual is placed on a minor restriction, the Pass Clerk must manually enter this information in the visitor database upon receiving the Crimes Against Minor-Aged Children (Attachment #2) from the Unit Administrator. This document is to be scanned and uploaded into the visitor database.

C. Identified incarcerated individuals will receive written notice of their visiting status relating to minor children and the guidelines for visits involving minors.


D. The Warden has the authority to modify or eliminate visiting restrictions imposed as provided in this section. Such modification or elimination shall be in consultation with appropriate mental health, program and custody staff.

X. NDCS VISITS BETWEEN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS INCARCERATED IN DIFFERENT NDCS INSTITUTIONS

A. Community Custody incarcerated individuals who are members of the same immediate family as an NCCW incarcerated individual may be allowed to visit one another when the request is initiated by the Community Custody incarcerated individual.

B. Community Custody incarcerated individual immediate family members must request visits through their unit team members. Incarcerated individual immediate family member visits must receive the approval of both facility Wardens.

C. Visits between incarcerated individual immediate family members will take place at NCCW in accordance with regular visiting days in the visiting room. All Community Custody incarcerated individuals participating in these visits will be safety-searched upon entering and exiting the institution.

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D. Visits between incarcerated individual immediate family members will occur no more frequently than once each three months.

E. An approved volunteer sponsor will provide transportation. The approved sponsor may participate in the visit if the sponsor is on the visiting list of the NCCW incarcerated individual. If the sponsor is not approved on the visiting list, they will be required to wait in the lobby during the visit.

XI. INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL REQUEST FOR VISITOR LIST

Any incarcerated individual may request a list of the names of those persons appearing on their approved visiting list by submitting an Incarcerated individual Interview Request Form to their Case Manager or Pass Clerk.

XII. INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL REQUEST TO DELETE OF VISITOR

Any incarcerated individual may request that one or more persons listed on their approved visiting list be deleted from that list by completing a Visiting Deletion Request form (Attachment #3) and submitting it to the Pass Clerk. Any visitor who is removed from an incarcerated individual's visiting list, regardless of whether or not it is at the request of a visitor or from an incarcerated individual, must wait for a minimum period of six months from the date of removal before they can again be added to that same incarcerated individual visiting list. The visitor must resubmit a complete VRF to the institution. Incarcerated individual spouses, under certain circumstances, may request that the Warden waive a portion of any six-month waiting period

In the event the individual requesting deletion has not visited for a period of at least six months, the Warden may waive the six-month waiting period to be added to another incarcerated individuals visiting list.


The six-month waiting period will also apply to clergy status visitors; however, they may waive the six-month waiting period based on a recommendation of the Religious Coordinator.

XIII. PROCESSING VISITORS INTO THE INSTITUTION

A. NCCW shall ensure a record of each visitor entering NCCW be kept, to include sufficient identification of the visitor, dates and times of arrival and departure, and names of incarcerated individuals visited by such person.

B. The function of the Pass Clerk is to facilitate authorized and special visitors in and out of the institution, preserve security, and maintain records of visitor traffic. To ensure the visiting process is conducted with these points in mind, the following basic rules and procedures shall be followed closely:

1. Only those visitors who are listed on an incarcerated individual's authorized visiting list shall be permitted to visit.
2. All visitors will be required to sign in when entering the institution.

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3. All visitors 16 years of age or older, must provide a photo identification and must present this document to the Pass Clerk each time they enter the institution. Minors (18 and under) will be required to bring a certified birth certificate upon their first visit. The Pass Clerk will scan the document into the visitor database and make a copy to file. The visitor will not be required to bring the certified birth certificate again.

a. Examples of acceptable photo identification cards are:

- 1) valid and current driver's license with photo
- 2) current Armed Forces identification card with photo
- 3) any official state ID with photo for ID purposes
- 4) any other current, verifiable identification card with a photograph on it, such as a current or valid State, Governmental, ICE, Law Enforcement ID or current passport
- 5) If any questions, call Shift Supervisor.

b. The following ID/ documents normally will not be accepted as identification:

- 1) Social Security cards
- 2) bank cards
- 3) student ID cards
- 4) business cards
- 5) hunting/fishing licenses
- 6) car registrations
- 7) Medicare cards

c. 18 and under visitors must be accompanied on a visit by parent, legal guardian or court appointed agent or other authorized adult (age 19 or above). This adult must also be on the incarcerated individual approved visiting list.


4. The Pass Clerk shall exercise good judgment in establishing each visitor has provided positive identification. If there is a question concerning a visitor's identification, the Pass Clerk shall consult the Shift Supervisor who shall make the decision as to whether or not to allow a visit.

5. To reduce visitor processing delays, the Pass Clerk will begin processing visitors one half hour prior to each visiting session. The following process will occur at this time:

a. All civilian visitors entering NCCW for visits with incarcerated individuals or conducting business with NCCW and/or team member must lock up all personal property in the visitor lockers provided at the Front Entrance or in their vehicle.

b. The Pass Clerk will fill in the data on the computer and direct the visitor to the appropriate visiting area.

c. The Pass Clerk will call the appropriate housing unit to notify staff that a particular incarcerated individual has a visit. The housing unit will promptly notify the incarcerated individual that they have a visit, write a pass for the incarcerated individual and make the necessary arrangements to send the incarcerated individual to the Visiting Center.

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d. The Pass Clerk will begin processing visitors to enter the Visiting Room 15 minutes prior to the start of the visiting session. The following process will occur at this time:

1) The visitors will be searched, to include being pat searched, and pass through the metal detector.

e. In certain special circumstances, NCCW may consider granting one visitor permission to visit two or more incarcerated individuals simultaneously (e.g., a mother may want to visit her two daughters during the same visiting period). Written approval must be obtained from the Assistant Warden/designee prior to the visit. If such approval is granted, it will be communicated to the Pass Clerk who will input the information into the computer.

f. The dates of all visits with incarcerated individuals shall be recorded in the computer database. There shall be no exceptions. This record shall not be revealed to the public without the written consent of the incarcerated individual.

g. All business visitors must sign in and out on the Visitors Register, which is located at the Front Entrance desk/counter.

XIV. MARKING VISITORS WITH INVISIBLE, SKIN-MARKING INK


Each visitor will pass through the metal detector and be pat searched. Visitors with children under the age of one (1) year will be permitted to pass through the metal detector while holding the infant. Each visitor shall be stamped by the Pass Clerk with invisible skin-marking ink. The Pass Clerk is ultimately responsible for stamping the visitor(s) with invisible ink at the same time they are verifying identification. Each marking shall be placed on the underside of the left wrist approximately two to three inches above the area where a watch would be worn. If the Pass Clerk is not available or the visit occurs on a Monday or Tuesday, the team member conducting the visit will be responsible to ensure the visitor is properly stamped.

XV. PROCESSING AN INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL INTO THE VISITING ROOM


A. The Pass Clerk will call the housing unit to have staff verbally notify the incarcerated individual they have a visit. The incarcerated individual will report to the visiting center staging area where they will be safety-searched prior to being allowed to enter the visiting room. All items of clothing and personal items will be inventoried on an Incarcerated individual Property Form (Attachment #3). The form will be signed by the team member conducting the safety search and then stapled to the incarcerated individual's pass. The incarcerated individual will be permitted to enter the Visiting Room as soon as they are processed. The incarcerated individual will not have to wait for the scheduled starting time of the visiting period.

B. Incarcerated individuals will also be safety-searched prior to leaving the visiting area. The personal clothing/items will be verified on the Incarcerated individual Property form that was completed prior to their visit.

XVI. METHODS OF SEARCHING VISITORS

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- A. Each adult visitor, upon admission to the NCCW, will be required to verify their identity and may be asked to provide other necessary information requested by the Warden/designee.
- B. All visitors entering the NCCW for the purpose of visiting incarcerated individuals or conducting business will be required to submit to a search of their person and belongings prior to entrance. Searching public officials are discussed in Procedure 120.01.4.01, *Official Visitors to Correctional Facilities and Programs*. Attachment #4 covers Entrance/Exit Procedures for all NDCS visitors.
- C. Visitors will use the personal property lockers located at the Front Entrance to secure personal property items not authorized in the visiting room or other approved destination. Persons refusing to be searched and/or not permitting minors in their care to be searched will not be admitted.
- D. Any personal items not secured outside the facility or in a visitor locker shall be searched (i.e., briefcases, purses, etc.) and applies to all visitors, including those identified/considered exempt from being pat searched.
- E. Basic pat search procedures shall be routine for all visitors entering NCCW. This involves patting-down the visitor's clothing and body without the physical removal of clothing other than hats, jackets, shoes, wigs, and the turning inside-out after emptying pockets. Where infants are involved, the responsible adult will be asked to remove the child's diaper for inspection by the team member conducting the search procedure. When patting down a visitor's head, visitors may be asked to run a comb through their hair. They also may be asked to remove any hairpiece/wig/toupee, etc. so it may be examined for possible contraband. Visitors will be asked to open their mouth and lift their tongue. In addition to being pat searched prior to entering NCCW, a pat search may be conducted at any time during the visit at the discretion of visiting room team members or as directed by a supervising team member.
 - 1. All visitors will be searched by trained NDCS team members of the same gender. However, if approved by the visitor, female team members may pat search a male visitor. Under no circumstances will a male employee be permitted to search a female visitor.
 - 2. Team members shall refrain from deliberately searching a person's genitals or anus. Any touching of these areas of the body should be brief and incidental.
- F. All containers, to include but not limited to bags, backpacks, computer bags, storage totes, boxes, etc., entering the NCCW through the Front Entrance to the secured side of the facility to include the Visiting Center, will be searched.
- G. Each visitor also will be required to pass through the metal detector. In the event the metal detector alarm is activated, the person will be required to remove all items from their pocket and walk through again. The only exception is if the visitor has a pacemaker. That individual will enter through the doors away from the metal detector and back into the search room area to be searched.
- H. All official visitors will walk through a metal detector and may be subject to a pat search by a trained NDCS staff of the same gender at the discretion of the Director/designee.

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- I. Under no circumstances will a visitor be pat searched unless they voluntarily consent, to include minors. If a visitor refuses to consent to any type of search, the visit shall be denied.
- J. If contraband is found on a visitor through any part of the search process or if a team member witnesses a pass/attempted pass of contraband between an incarcerated individual and visitor, the visit will be terminated, the Shift Supervisor and Major will be notified, and Law Enforcement will be contacted. If the visitor is in the visiting room, they will be escorted to the Front Entrance by a team member. The visitor will be asked to have a seat at the Front Entrance until Law Enforcement arrives. Visitors will not be held against their will. A team member must actually see the contraband in the possession of the visitor or changing hands between the persons involved. Contraband is considered any article not officially issued, lawfully purchased, or brought into the NCCW via authorized channels or which is introduced or attempted to be introduced by any person into the NCCW or its extended limits by a method other than authorized (one that is specified in official NCCW policy and procedures).
- K. NCCW has the authority to order a private citizen to leave institutional grounds. If a citizen refuses to leave, the Nebraska State Patrol will be contacted and requested to provide their assistance in escorting the individual from State property.

XVII. CONDUCT DURING VISITS

- A. It is the responsibility of the visitor and incarcerated individual to conduct themselves in a manner that will not bring discredit upon themselves or be disruptive to other visitors in the area.
- B. It is the responsibility of all visitors to supervise and maintain control over their accompanying children. Neither visitors nor incarcerated individuals are permitted to use corporal punishment on children or others while on NDCS property. If a child becomes disruptive during a visit and is not controlled by verbal direction from the supervising visitor or the incarcerated individual, the visit shall be terminated.
- C. Authorized types of physical contact
 - 1. A short embrace and kiss when the incarcerated individual and visitor meet for the visit and again when the visitor is preparing to depart from the visit.
 - 2. Incarcerated individuals holding their small children (age 5 and under) on their lap.
- D. Unauthorized types of physical contact
 - 1. Either visitors or incarcerated individuals sitting with an arm or their arms around each other.
 - 2. Kissing
 - 3. Caressing
 - 4. Fondling
 - 5. Sitting on each other's lap or straddling chairs, benches, etc. Incarcerated individuals may be permitted to hold children, age five and under, during visits. No other exceptions to this provision shall be made.
 - 6. Feeding each other
 - 7. Massages
 - 8. Holding hands

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9. Incarcerated individuals on “no contact” status with a minor will have no physical contact at any time with a minor, including at the beginning and end of visitation.

E. No talking to other visitors or incarcerated individuals during the session.

F. No breast feeding will be permitted in the visiting center by a visitor or an incarcerated individual.

G. All visitors will utilize the chairs provided in the Visiting Room for the duration of any visit period.

1. Visitors or incarcerated individuals with disabilities that require the aid of a wheelchair, walker or scooter will be accommodated to allow the visit as comfortably as possible. If the visitor or incarcerated individual is able to utilize a chair in the visiting center, the wheelchair, walker or scooter will be clear of all walkways.

H. Paper currency is not allowed in the visiting center. Each visitor (adult and minors) may bring up to \$20.00 in change (example – one visitor with a child would be allowed to bring up to \$40 in change) for use in the vending machines where vending machines are available.

I. No vending/canteen items may be taken back to the housing unit by the incarcerated individual.

J. Bathroom Use:

1. Visitors will use a separate restroom from incarcerated individuals located in the visiting center.
2. Visitors will be pat searched prior to utilizing the restroom and upon exiting the restroom.
3. Incarcerated individuals will be safety searched in the incarcerated individual restroom prior to utilizing the restroom.
4. Upon the incarcerated individual exiting the restroom, visiting team members will search the incarcerated individual restroom.


XVIII. CHILDS PLAY AREA

The Visiting Center offers a child’s play area for children ages 0-10 years to utilize during the visiting session. Incarcerated individuals and the child(ren) will be permitted to go to this area and use toys and games. The incarcerated individual and the child(ren) will be permitted to sit at tables or on the floor in this area. Toys from the play area shall remain in the play area unless the Pass Clerk authorizes the removal of the toy.

XIX. TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION OF VISITS


A. Visitors may be refused admission to the NCCW for failing to abide by the rules and regulations. Such a failure by the visitor may also result in the visitor being removed from the incarcerated individual’s visiting list. Such action by NCCW shall be set forth in a written statement to the visitor(s) and incarcerated individual. The statement shall also indicate the reasons for the action. Incarcerated individuals may appeal this decision through the grievance procedure.

B. Visits shall be suspended by Shift Supervisor or above due to rule violations during the visit.


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C. Visiting privileges may be denied/terminated/suspended either temporarily or indefinitely by the Unit Administrator, Major, Captain, Assistant Warden or Warden under the following circumstances:

1. The consumption of or appearance/belief the visitor is under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
2. Possessing contraband, introducing contraband or attempting to introduce contraband into the facility or its grounds.
3. The taking of unauthorized items or property from the NCCW (criminal prosecution under Nebraska law also is possible here).
4. Initiating or contributing to disruptive or improper behavior by either incarcerated individuals or visitors that infringes upon other visits.
5. Refusal to submit to any search in a cooperative manner
6. Inappropriate dress as defined in this policy.
7. Refusal to allow oneself to be marked with invisible skin-marking ink
8. Refusal or failure to produce sufficient, current identification or the falsifying of identifying information by a visitor.
9. False or incorrect information on the VRF or attempting to visit under a false identification.
10. The violation of any posted visiting rule and regulation.
11. Any circumstance that presents a threat to the security of the institution, team members, visitor and/or incarcerated individuals.
12. The failure to control or to prevent children from disturbing other persons in the visiting area.
13. The failure to follow an officer's instructions during the visiting process.
14. Leaving the visiting area and proceeding into an unauthorized area.
15. Leaving the visiting area, then leaving NCCW, and then returning to resume a visit. This visiting session will be terminated, and visitors will not be permitted to resume visiting their original incarcerated individual or any other incarcerated individual during the same visiting period.
16. Excessive physical contact between visitors and incarcerated individuals.

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- 17. Physical contact with a minor by an incarcerated individual on “no contact” status with minors.
 - 18. Refusal to clean up the area that was used for the visit.
 - 19. The observation by the Pass Clerk, Shift Supervisor, Central Control or other team members of an illness related condition on a visitor's body which the observing employee reasonably believes indicates that the visitor is unfit to visit. Examples of such observable conditions include, but are not limited to, "open" or "running" sores and/ or very poor sanitation/hygiene.
 - 20. The Administration reserves the right to withdraw the visiting privileges of any individual who refuses to comply with Departmental rules and regulations.
 - 21. Visits also may be suspended or terminated for reasons beyond NCCW's control, such as mechanical problems in the visitor areas or institutional emergencies making the area unsafe for visitors.
 - 22. Leaving a minor unattended on NDCS property.
 - 23. Leaving a pet locked in a vehicle on NDCS property.
- D. Prior to the termination of a visit or suspension of visiting privileges for any of the above visitor related reasons, less restrictive alternatives shall be attempted. Such alternatives may include warning the incarcerated individual and/or his visitor of their improper behavior.
- E. Any incarcerated individual may appeal the decision to remove a visitor from their visiting list by following the grievance procedures.
- F. Whenever an incarcerated individual receives a Misconduct Report that alleges some type of violation of the Visiting Regulations, the appropriate Disciplinary Committee will review the case. If it has been determined a violation(s) did occur, the Disciplinary Committee will suspend that incarcerated individual's visits for a specified period of time. The Captain will inform the incarcerated individual in writing (See Attachment #5 for an example) that all of the incarcerated individual's visits with the exception of attorneys, public officials, and clergy persons have been suspended for a specific number of days. If an incarcerated individual's visits have been suspended prior to the completion of the disciplinary process, any existing restriction imposed by the Disciplinary Committee will be credited from the date of the original suspension. Captain will notify the Pass Clerk of all incarcerated individual visiting suspensions and when they should be removed. Only the Pass Clerk will enter incarcerated individual restrictions/suspensions.
- G. The incarcerated individual will be responsible for notifying all persons on their visiting list of the restriction imposed. Visitors involved in the violation, if they were not previously suspended or terminated from visiting, may be permanently or temporarily removed from the incarcerated individual's visiting list by approval of the Warden/designee.

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H. The Pass Clerk will maintain a list of all visitors who are currently suspended from visiting NCCW. The Captain will forward a copy of all letters of suspension or reinstatement of visiting privileges to the Pass Clerk. The computer database will be updated accordingly.

I. The Warden/designee may modify the condition of the visit based on results of any part of the search procedures, for example, a positive indication from canine search. Additionally, behavior on the part of the incarcerated individual or the visitor may require modification.

XX. VISITOR ATTIRE

A. When visiting an NCCW incarcerated individual, casual attire is appropriate. However, clothing should not be distracting or offensive to incarcerated individuals or to other visitors and must be in good repair. Footwear in good repair is required to be worn at all times; open toe shoes are allowed. A lightweight outer jacket/sweater without pockets may be worn in the visiting center. Female visitors are encouraged to wear slacks/pants.

1. Visitors must wear undergarments. Visitors may not wear multiple layers of undergarments. Females must wear one bra and one pair of underwear (10 years of age or under are not required to wear a bra). Males must wear one pair of underwear/undershorts.

2. Visitors are not allowed to wear a combination of both khaki-colored pants and a shirt at the same time when they visit. A visitor may wear khaki pants or a khaki shirt, but never at the same time when visiting.

3. Shorts or skirts/dresses are permitted for adult visitors if they are at or below the knee when standing.

Female visitors wearing skirts/dresses will not be required to lift the garment to their waist to facilitate an appropriate pat search; team member will perform the pat search through the aforementioned clothing.


4. Shirts and dresses must cover the shoulders. Shirts/dresses shall not be low-cut in the front (no cleavage may be visible) or unusually low-cut in the back.

5. Clothing with pictures, symbols, or language that may be considered profane or offensive by current public standards shall not be allowed.

6. Children 10 years or younger may wear shorts, skirts, or rompers provide that said clothing completely covers the child's buttocks.

7. Clothing that is tight fitting (clothing will be considered tight fitting if it reveals the outline of genitalia or the areola), revealing, or made of see-through fabric shall not be allowed.

8. Clothes will be expected to be in good repair with no rips, tears, or pockets that are torn to allow access beneath the garment.

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9. Hats, headbands, hooded clothing or outerwear are not allowed. Clergy are permitted to wear religious headwear.

10. Watches, exercise trackers, and similar devices are not permitted.

No visitor shall be refused the opportunity to visit due to visitor dress code violations except as approved by the Shift Supervisor or higher authority.

B. Visitors are only allowed to wear the following jewelry:

1. 1 ring (wedding set included)
2. 1 pair of earrings (or two facial piercings)
3. 1 necklace
4. 1 religious' medallion
5. 1 med alert jewelry item

C. Medical devices allowed:

1. Prosthetic devices
2. Wheelchair/crutches/walker
3. Canes
4. Slings / knee braces (will be removed and searched prior to entry)
5. Service animals
6. Heart and asthma medication. Other medication may not be taken into the visiting area without approval from the Warden or the facility's physician. Medication must be in the original container.

D. Parents with infants may bring in:


- a. Two (2) factory sealed single serving size ready to feed formula or two (2) clear bottles (no glass)
- b. Four (4) disposable diapers
- c. Eight (8) wet wipes inside a clear bag
- d. One (1) receiving blanket
- e. One (1) plastic teething instrument
- f. And when not furnished by the facility, Toys of a simple, non-weapon, plastic type for pre-school age children when not furnished by the facility.

E. Contractors/Vendors

Contractors and vendors will be allowed to wear the clothing items they have on at the time of their arrival at the NCCW. These persons will be subject to the established search procedures and will be under constant escort while they are inside NCCW.

F. Volunteers/Coordinators/Guests

1. If a volunteer/coordinator/guest is attending an event/ meeting scheduled to be held on the secure side of the facility, those persons may wear their outer garments (i.e., coat, hat, gloves, etc.) to the event/meeting.

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G. No visitor shall be refused the option to visit due to visitor dress code violations except as approved by the Shift Supervisor or higher authority.

XXI. INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL ATTIRE DURING VISIT

A. Incarcerated individuals in general population will be required to be in possession of their incarcerated individual ID card.

B. Authorized clothing attire (Soiled, torn, or otherwise inappropriate clothing shall not be worn)

1. Pants (state issue only).

- a. All pants will be kept neat and ironed. (no patterns)
- b. Pants will not be altered in any way.
- c. Undergarments must be worn while visiting.
- d. No shorts will be worn under state issued pants.

2. Shirts (state issue only)

- a. All shirts will be clean and properly buttoned with the exception of the top collar button and they must be ironed, not wrinkled and may not have patterns.
- b. Thermal underwear shirts may not be worn under state issued shirts.
- c. No sweatshirts/sweaters will be permitted.
- d. Incarcerated individuals will be permitted to wear a state issued t-shirt under their khaki shirt. Programming shirts are not state issued shirts and will not be permitted in the visiting center.

3. Shoes and socks


Closed toe shoes and socks will be worn at all times during a visit. The only exception to this would be medical authorization exempting the incarcerated individual from wearing normal footwear. Personal athletic shoes are permitted.

4. Headgear (hats, caps, etc.)

- a. Recognized religious headgear that has been purchased through the proper channels may be worn. Any altered or unapproved headgear will be confiscated. Other hats/caps will not be authorized except by special permission of the Assistant Warden/designee or Medical team members if the headgear is needed due to medical purposes.

5. Outer garments

- a. Cold weather headgear, jackets, vests, etc. will not be worn in the visiting area but must be left in the Visiting Staging Area.
- b. No other clothing other than that described above (including white T-shirts, tank tops, bandannas, sweat clothing, gym shorts, etc.) will be permitted in the visiting area.

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C. Incarcerated individuals and visitors will be allowed to wear jewelry while visiting. Incarcerated individuals are allowed the following jewelry items when visiting:

1. One set of earrings
2. One necklace
3. Wedding ring/band
4. One religious medallion and chain

XXII. INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL POSSESSIONS DURING VISIT

A. Medication and medical/prosthetic appliances

1. No incarcerated individual will be allowed to have medication of any kind on their person unless written authorization for such medication signed by the NCCW's Medical staff.
2. Only authorized medical/prosthetic appliances (artificial limbs, canes, hearing aids, crutches, etc.) will be permitted in the visiting area.

B. At the end of a visit, each incarcerated individual shall be safety-searched, and a second inventory of their clothing and personal items made by the team member conducting the safety-search. No incarcerated individual will be allowed to leave the visiting area with any item(s) not listed on the original inventory slip. All unauthorized items will be considered contraband and shall be confiscated immediately. See Procedure 203.01.4.06, *Evidence Procedures*, for specific details.

XXIII. CITY TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION FOR VISITORS

NCCW provides information to visitors about transportation to NCCW and facilitates transportation between NCCW and nearby public transit terminals. (ACA 5-ACI-7D-22). The Pass Clerk will maintain current information regarding public transportation available.

XXIV. CONTACTS FOR VISITING QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

A. The Captain or Visiting Corporal is the individual to contact for problems or questions concerning visits.

B. NCCW's mailing address and telephone number for questions specific to visiting regulations is:


Nebraska Correctional Center for Women
 Attn: Visiting
 1107 Recharge Rd
 York, NE 68467

402-362-3317

REFERENCES

I. STATUTORY REFERENCES

1. Nebraska Revised Statute: SS83-173 and 83-186

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2. DCS Rules and Regulations – Chapter 4 – VISITING

II. NDCS POLICIES

1. Policy 205.02, *Visiting*

III. NCCW PROCEDURES

1. Procedure 120.01.4.01, *Official Visitors to Correctional Facilities and Programs*
2. Procedure 203.01.4.06, *Evidence Procedures*

IV. ATTACHMENTS

1. Special/Extended/Emergency Visit Request (NDCS-A-adm-034)
2. Crimes Against Minor-Aged Victims Form
3. Incarcerated individual Property Form
4. NDCS Entrance/Exit Screening Procedures
5. Visit Suspension Notice Example
6. York Transportation Information
7. Visiting Deletion Request
8. NDCS Policy 205.01 attachment I

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SPECIAL/EXTENDED/EMERGENCY VISIT REQUEST

(CIRCLE ONE)

SECTION 1: (TO BE COMPLETED BY INMATE)

INMATE NAME _____ DATE OF REQUEST _____

NUMBER _____ HOUSING LOCATION _____

DATE REQUESTED FOR VISIT: _____

NAME OF PERSON(S) WHO WANT TO VISIT:

1) _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

2) _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

3) _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

4) _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

MINOR(S) NAMES/AGES: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

REASON VISIT IS NEEDED: _____

SECTION 2: (OFFICE USE)

ON INMATE'S VISITING LIST: YES _____ NO _____

ON ANOTHER INMATE'S VISITING LIST: YES _____ NO _____

DATE OF LAST SPECIAL/EXTENDED/EMERGENCY VISIT: _____

APPROVED / DENIED

OF SESSIONS

APPROVED / DENIED

CASE MANAGER/UNIT CASE MGT.

CASE MGT. SUPERVISOR/UNIT ADM.

IF DENIED, REASON _____

MUST SHOW OUT OF STATE IDENTIFICATION: YES _____ NO _____

MUST SHOW PROOF OF MARRIAGE (MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE): YES _____ NO _____

DID VISIT OCCUR?: YES _____ NO _____ DATE _____

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Crimes Against Minor-Aged Children

Inmate Name: _____ Number _____

This form is to advise you that you have been identified as an inmate who has committed a crime in which the victim was a minor (under 19 years of age). This identification is based on the criteria in the Administrative Regulation 205.02, Visiting.

Inmates identified as having committed a crime in which the victim was a minor will be closely monitored by visiting room staff during visitation. Any violation of this policy will result in immediate termination of the visit, removal of the inmate and visitor from the visiting area, and issuance of a Misconduct Report. Penalties imposed against inmates will be consistent with agency disciplinary procedures. Action imposed on visitors will be handled administratively by the Warden.

Warden Signature

Date

No restriction imposed.

Warden Signature

Date

You are to have no physical contact with minor aged visitors.

In addition to NO physical contact with minor-aged children, the Warden has the authority to impose further restrictions on identified inmates on a case-by-case basis. The boxes marked below indicate further restriction.

Warden Signature

Date

Restrict inmate to visiting minors at identified times and/or designated areas.

Warden Signature

Date

Exclude visitors under the age of 19 from the inmate's approved visiting list.

Warden Signature

Date

Suspend all visiting privileges until the inmate has received treatment intervention.

Inmate Signature and Number

Date

Staff Witness Signature/Title

Date

Distribution:

Inmate

Pass Clerk

Inmate Record File

Inmate Treatment File

**Nebraska Department of Correctional Services
Inmate Visiting Property Form**

NAME: _____

NUMBER: _____

HU #: _____

**THE ONLY ITEMS TAKEN WITH INMATE ON
VISIT ARE AS FOLLOWS*

WATCH: _____

RING: _____

HANDKERCHIEF: _____

COMB: _____

GLASSES: _____

SHIRT: _____

RELIGIOUS MEDALLION: _____

T-SHIRT: _____

PANTS: _____

SHORTS: _____

SHOES/BOOTS: _____

BELT: _____

SOCKS: _____

BRA/PANTIES: _____

OTHER: _____

(MEDICAL PROSTHETIC DEVICES, SUCH AS
ARTIFICIAL LIMBS, CANES, HEARING AIDES,
CRUTCHES, ETC.)

OFFICER "OUT": _____

OFFICER "IN": _____

DATE: _____

Entrance/Exit Procedures (revised 11/2022)

1. All visitors will be searched by trained NDCS staff of the same gender. However, if approved by the visitor, a female staff person may pat search a male visitor, but a male staff person is not allowed to pat search a female visitor. Visitors will be screened/searched in accordance with the provisions identified in the chart below.
2. Visitors to community correctional centers will generally not be pat searched.
3. All personal property will be searched for contraband, and all visitors will be required to walk through a metal detector. The only exception is that the Medicine Man's bag will be visually searched, not touched.

POSITION	PAT SEARCH	PROPERTY SEARCH	ESCORT / SUPERVISION
Appointed/Elected governmental officials, normally official visitors as defined in Policy 120.01, <i>Official Visitors To Correctional Facilities And Programs</i> . (to include Parole Board Members, Ombudsmen)	NO	YES	See Policy 120.01 for details
Other State agency employees (except as listed below)	YES	YES	YES
All Attorneys on Official Business	NO	YES	YES
Clergy / Religious	YES	YES	YES
Contracted service providers (doctor, dentist, hygienist, contract psychiatrist, ACA External Auditors)	NO	YES	NO
Staff of Contracted service providers	YES	YES	NO
Contracted <u>vendors</u> (fire alarm inspector, pest control, candy vendor, pop vendor, etc.)	YES	YES	YES
Emergency Personnel (firefighter, ambulance, etc.)	NO - on emergency entry/exit	YES	YES
DMV staff members (on official business)	NO	YES	NO
NDCS staff members	NO	YES	NO
Assistant and Chief Deputy Fire Marshals	NO	YES	YES
Inmate Visitors	YES	YES	YES
Law Enforcement Officers	NO	YES	YES
Parole Board Staff Members	NO	YES	NO
Parole Officers/Probation Officers	NO	YES	NO
Press/News Reporters	YES	YES	YES
Legislative Aides	YES	YES	YES
Full-Time Volunteers*	No	Yes	No
Volunteers/Community Involvement Committees	YES	YES	YES
Consuls/Staff of other countries (on official business)	NO	YES	YES

Contracted Service Providers, NDCS staff, parole officers and visitors to community correctional centers are subject to pat search when periodic searches are done on all NDCS staff.

Exceptions to these procedures may be approved by the Deputy Director-Institutions or by the Director on a case-by-case basis.

REMEMBER, a visitor on "official Business" is not an official visitor unless she/he is defined as such in policy.

*Treated as facility employees.

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VISITOR DELETION

Incarcerated Individual Name: _____

Number: _____ Housing Unit: _____

REQUEST

Visitor's Name: _____

Incarcerated Individual's Reason for Request: _____

Date: _____ Incarcerated Individual : _____
(Signature)


Deletion Processed: _____ Date: _____ By: _____
Unit Staff

Any incarcerated individual may request that one or more persons listed on his/her approved visiting list be deleted from that list by completing a Deletion Request form. The deleted visitor's name(s) will not be placed on another incarcerated individual's approved visiting list for six (6) months. The deleted visitor's name(s) also will not be reinstated on an incarcerated individual's visiting list for six (6) months (if the visitor's name was previously removed at that incarcerated individual's direction). A visitor may request deletion by submitting request in writing to the Facility Warden.

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EFFECTIVE: February 12, 2021
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Program Overview

The Virtual Visitation Program (VVP) is designed to strengthen community supports to improve quality of life during and after incarceration. The program supplements the in-person visitation opportunities, offering incarcerated individuals and their family members and/or friends a virtual visit using an online platform (e.g., Zoom, Webex, Skype) to encourage communication and support. Conversation prompts may be provided to assist in positive, pro-social communication. Program effectiveness will be measured by self-report using a post-visit-survey. Other measurable outcomes may include a decrease in negative behaviors and increased participation in recommended treatment/programming (i.e., accepting a recommendation previously refused). In addition, it is expected that participants will have improved interactions with their peers and staff members.

Visitor Participation

Individuals who are approved visitors, in accordance Policy 205.02, *Visiting*, are eligible to request a virtual visit. Virtual visits are in addition to in-person visiting opportunities. Visitors who are approved only for Special Visits may have one virtual visit in place of an in-person visit.


The approved virtual visitor must present a copy of their driver’s license/State ID as requested prior to the visit and upon entry to the virtual visiting room (this applies to adults and minors, age 16 and up).

All minors under age 16 must have a birth certificate on file at the time of the scheduled virtual visit.

All visits must be scheduled via the NDCS [website](#).

Minors may participate in virtual visits but must be approved per policy and accompanied by the authorized guardian for the duration of the visit. At no time shall a minor initiate a virtual visit.

Attorneys and clergy may virtually visit if they are on the approved visiting list. Where private communication is required, in-person visiting is recommended because all virtual visits are subject to being monitored and privacy rules do not apply.

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Visitors must provide their own equipment and the necessary internet connection to participate in virtual visiting.

Visitors may not record or take photos/screen shots of the virtual visit. Violation may lead to loss of virtual or in-person visiting privileges.

Approved visitors who allow non-approved individuals to participate in virtual visits will be subject to suspension/termination of virtual visits and/or all visits. Violations of the program protocol or NDCS policy may result in a suspension of the visitor's virtual visiting privileges and may affect in-person visits. The suspension may be temporary or permanent depending on the nature of the violation. The staff member supervising visits has the discretion to terminate the visit at any time.

Incarcerated Participation


Incarcerated individuals are eligible to participate in VVP unless specific restrictions have been issued. Virtual visits will be conducted in the same manner as in-person visits (i.e., dress code, behavior, language, etc.). Individuals are expected to comply with all NDCS policies and procedures. Violations could result in immediate termination of the visit, misconduct report, disciplinary sanctions and/or suspension or termination of visiting privileges.

Virtual visits are provided in the designated area and require use of headphones, which the incarcerated person must bring to the visit. Staff will connect the visitor and the individual and will adjust the volume of the device as requested. At no time should the incarcerated individual touch the device without express permission.

Scheduling

The VVP schedule will be determined by the space and operational limitations of each facility. Virtual visits will, generally, be permitted at least once per month and will typically be during the same days and hours of in-person visiting. Each facility will develop and publish their schedule, to include length and frequency of visits.

Individuals will be notified via email of the virtual visit once it has been approved. Instructions will be provided via email to the visitor at least three days in advance of the virtual visit.

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Each facility will identify a process for preference to be given when multiple requests are received for the same time slot.

Monitoring

Designated team members will closely monitor all virtual visits for compliance with policy and procedure. This includes checking IDs at the beginning of the visit, observing to ensure additional people are not in view, and that both the incarcerated individual and the virtual visitor(s) are being appropriate and following established rules. The supervising staff member has the discretion to terminate the virtual visit at any time for any violation of the rules or misconduct; such must be reported to the shift supervisor immediately.

Suspensions/Terminations

Visitors and incarcerated individuals will receive written notification of suspensions/terminations, which will include the reason and duration of the suspension/termination.

A visitor who has been suspended/terminated and is found to be participating in virtual visits during a period of suspension may be terminated or have the suspension extended.

A visitor who is suspended or terminated from virtual visiting privileges may be suspended/terminated from other visiting privileges.