



**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS**

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RESPONSE UPDATE**

LAW AND JUSTICE INTERIM COMMITTEE

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DOC TESTING UPDATE

Sentinel testing efforts at DOC-run and DOC-contracted facilities slowed in July due to delayed results, but that is ramping back up as new testing resources come available.

Symptomatic testing continues as needed.

New: Clinical Services staff received training from DPHHS on how perform contact tracing.

Testing information is available here: cor.mt.gov/covid-19

Note: All types of testing of which the DOC is aware are now combined on the DOC website.



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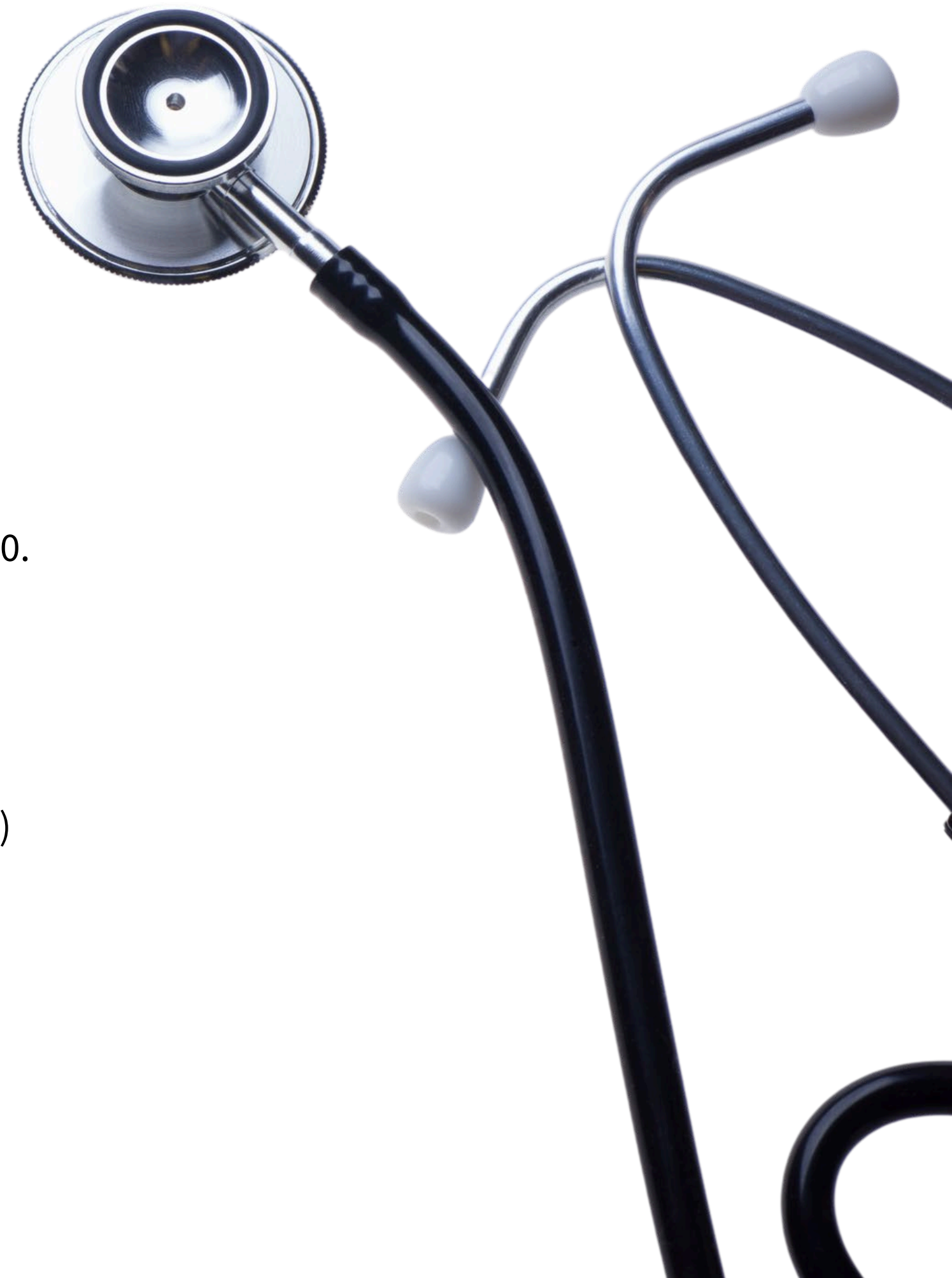
DOC TESTING CONT.

DOC secure facilities (including Crossroads Correctional Center) since June 1, 2020.

- 1,060 offenders, 407 staff
- 1 positive result at MWP

Total positive results at Alt-Secure Facilities (prerelease, treatment, assessment)

- Alpha House: 12 positives (10 offenders, 2 staff)
- Gallatin Re-entry Program (2 staff, 2 inmates)
- Great Falls Prerelease Center: 2 positives (2 offenders)
- Watch West: Four positives (4 staff)
- START: One positive (1 staff)



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OFFENDER MOVEMENT

Limiting offender transport into DOC secure facilities has been key to keeping offenders and staff healthy.

DOC recognizes the burden this places on local detention centers, and needs to adjust to the ongoing nature of this pandemic.

Transportation protocol is in effect to alleviate strain on detention centers, while helping to ensure the health and safety of staff and offenders on a local and state level.



+ EVALUATION OF OFFENDERS FOR TRANSPORT



Facility of origin submits a request to DOC for transport to the DOC receiving facility.

DOC staff (including DOC healthcare personnel) review all requests, make determination about move.

Details considered include:

- location of requesting facility
- disease activity in that jurisdiction
- availability of quarantine space at receiving facility, etc.

New intakes:

- MSP – 25 offenders/week - up from 15/week
- MWP – 6 offenders/2 weeks
- Pine Hills – dependent on offender needs (youth)

Mandatory 14-day quarantine, COVID-19 testing offered.

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SAFE TRANSPORT OF OFFENDERS

Offenders cleared by DOC staff are scheduled for movement.

Offender is screened at facility of origin and again at receiving facility.

Movement is postponed if any illness, symptoms, fever are reported.

Recommended PPE is worn by transportation staff and offenders.

No additional offender pick ups from other facilities may occur on route to the receiving facility, or drop offs at other facilities.

Vehicles are disinfected between transports.



+ VISITATION, INMATE/FAMILY/FRIENDS COMMUNICATION

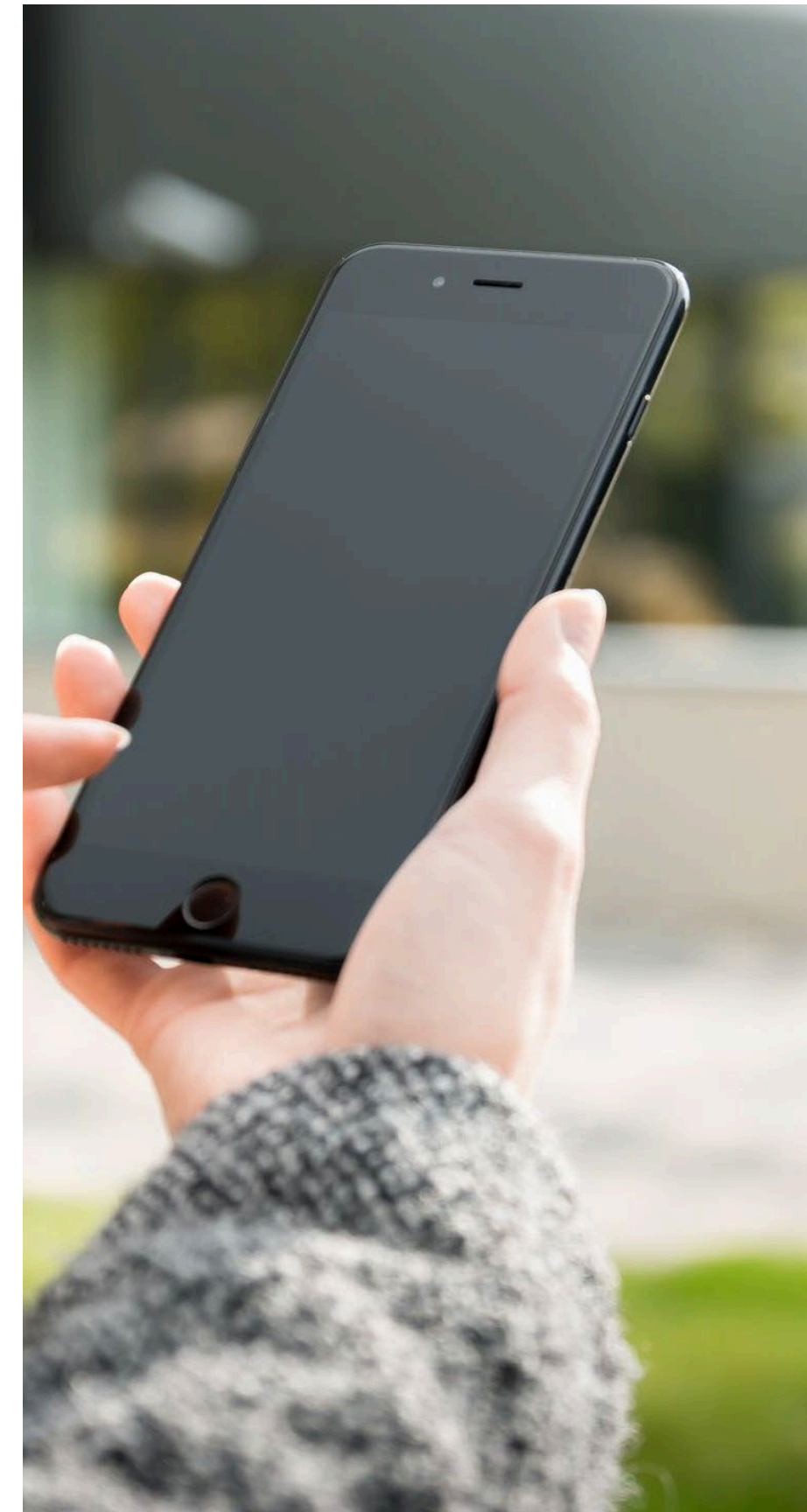
In-person visitation at DOC secure facilities remains suspended.

Each inmate receives one free phone call and one free video visitation every week.

Email services are in place at MWP and the Work Re-entry Center at MSP.

Implementation of email services for the rest of MSP and at Pine Hills Correctional Facility is scheduled for this week.

Regular mail services are also available.





+ QUESTIONS?