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Lehigh County Department of Corrections Temporarily Restricts Visitors *In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 all non-essential visits are suspended.*

Allentown, PA- Lehigh County Department of Corrections will temporarily restrict visitors in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Effective 8 a.m., Friday March 13th, Lehigh County Department of Corrections will suspend visitation of all non-essential visitors and volunteers. This measure is taken as a precaution to protect staff and inmates from the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

There are currently no confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 within the department. However, due to the continued spread of the virus, we are implementing these measures to prevent exposure into our facilities.

The World Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 virus a worldwide pandemic. In accordance to this declaration, President Trump addressed the nation to strongly advise against all nonessential travel and visitation to facilities. With this update to the COVID-19 situation, County Executive Armstrong and his administration decided to suspend all visitors until further notice. This temporary suspension will be revisited on a continual basis and adjustments may be made accordingly.

As the world handles the spread of COVID-19, Lehigh County is taking a proactive stance in ensuring the safety of its residents. We are working in collaboration and with the guidance of the CDC, World Health Organization, and PA Department of Health. This is an active and evolving situation with more updates to follow.

Thank you for understanding our need to protect those that work in our facilities and reside in them at this time.