

Philadelphia Department of Prisons  
COVID-19 Reopening Transition Plan

The purpose of the Philadelphia Department of Prisons (PDP) COVID-19 transition plan is to move PDP from its current shelter in place operation to a more open operation plan while continuing to mitigate the introduction into and spread of COVID-19 within its facilities. The PDP's plan takes into consideration its employees, inmate population, and overall operations.

On May 20, 2020, PDP commenced universal testing for Covid-19 of the entire May 20 inmate population and ongoing testing of subsequent new admits for COVID-19 testing. Based on the results of this universal testing, PDP entered the Phase Yellow on June 5, 2020.

The PDP will transition operations using a color-coded phased approach to allow normal activities. During these phases, PDP will follow CDC and City-recommended practices such as the use of Personal Protective Equipment, social distancing, and staggered work schedules. All staff, attorneys, and inmates are required to wear a face mask at all times. PDP's color-coded phases align with State and City guidelines and are as follows:

**RED Phase** – is the most restrictive and designated for new admits processed into the PDP, including having a COVID-19 test at admission and quarantined for 14 days. Any inmate presenting with or developing symptoms of Covid-19 will be placed in isolation for 14 days.

**Yellow Phase** – designated for inmate cohorts in the general population who are permitted outside of their cells for three hours, daily and allowed to participate in programs and services as indicated.

**Green Phase** - designated for inmate cohorts in the general population with a two-phased approach transitioning from larger cohorts to no cohort limitation.

The attached chart reflects color phased activities.

	Red Phase	Yellow Phase	Green Phase 2	Green Phase 1
Cohort Size	10	¼ of housing for each respective facility	50 or Less	No Cohort Limitation
Medical and Behavioral Health Services and Medication Distribution	At Cell	Delivered off-unit in designated areas	Delivered off-unit in designated areas	Delivered off-unit in designated areas
Meals	At Cell	At Cell	Distributed on Housing Unit	Distributed on Housing Unit
Personal Care/Showers/Phones	Daily – Housing Unit	Daily – Housing Unit	Daily – Housing Unit	Daily – Housing Unit
Commissary	Not permitted	Delivered to Housing Unit	Delivered to Housing Unit	Delivered to Housing Unit
Social Services	In the Housing Unit	In the Housing Unit and cohort off housing unit	Delivered off-unit in designated areas	Delivered off-unit in designated areas
Informational and Education Materials	In-Cell	In-Cell and housing units in common areas	Resume off-unit with cohorts	Open off-unit in designated areas
Barber & Cosmetology Services	Suspended	Suspended	Resume in the designated area with a cohort	Open in the designated area
Mobile Library	Permitted At Cell	In the Housing Unit Common Areas	Off-unit Inmate Library permitted with cohorts	Open Inmate Library
Recreation	Not permitted	Cohort in Yard area	Cohort in Yard area	Resume gymnasium activity
Religious Activities	Broadcast on CCTV and At Cell religious materials	Broadcast on CCTV and by appointment	Broadcast on CCTV, by appointment and cohort congregate setting	Resume in Chapel activities
Legal Visits	In-person ongoing Virtual Visit - Permitted	In-person ongoing Virtual Visit - Permitted	In-person ongoing Virtual Visit - Permitted	In-person ongoing Virtual Visit Permitted
Civilian Visits	In-person suspended	In-person suspended	In-person suspended	In-person suspended
Law Library	Suspended	Resume with Cohorts off-unit	Continue Cohorts off-unit	Open Inmate Access

Work Detail	Suspended	Permitted to sustain critical operations (reduced cohort)	Permitted in Cohorts on and off units	Permitted without limitations
Correctional Industries Training	Suspended	Permitted to sustain critical operations (reduced cohort)	Permitted in cohorts	Open without limitations
Inmate Programs	Suspended	Congregate suspended; 1:1 available	Permitted in cohorts for respective program	Open without limitations
Work Release and DUI Weekenders	Suspended	Suspended	Suspended	Suspended