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Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission
c/o Department of the Attorney General
State of Hawaii
425 Queen Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Commissioners:

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Department of Public Safety has developed a comprehensive response plan consistent with the conditions and environment of our correctional facilities and the communities in which they reside. We are closely monitoring entry into our facilities to prevent any possible community spread from reaching the facilities. The Department's top priority remains the continued health and safety of the public, staff, and inmates under our supervision.

The Department has, and continues to, dialog with the State Department of Health, other governmental agencies and national correctional institutions to formulate and update our current response plan. Within the Department, the Health Care Division is leading ongoing "tabletop" discussions that address health care issues for both staff and offenders. The current plan includes widely disseminating COVID-19 information to offenders and staff, reinforcing guidelines for safety and sanitation among staff, and implementing robust health care practices specific to COVID-19 at all facilities statewide, as follows:

1. COVID-19 posters are displayed at all locations, and hand-outs have been distributed to all staff.

2. An educational COVID-19 video is being shown to current inmates and new intakes;
3. Health Care staff screens all incoming and outgoing offenders; and
4. An enhanced screening process is being implemented at all facilities.

In addition, the Health Care Division continues working with the Hawaii Paroling Authority to identify inmates with serious medical conditions who may qualify for compassionate medical release.

The Department is also in the process of screening low-risk, non-violent inmates in the event the Director is given authorization to release certain inmates from incarceration.

Finally, regarding inmate phone calls, inmates are already provided with unlimited calls at the following rates: \$.01 per minute for mainland calls and \$.07 per minute for local calls. The call duration time has been temporarily increased to 30 minutes per personal call, and our vendor, GlobalTel Link (GTL), is providing two 5-minute calls per inmate, per week, without charge, for the next four weeks.

If there are further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Shari Kimoto, Deputy Director of Corrections at (808) 587-1340.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nolan P. Espinda". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Nolan P. Espinda
Director