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To: Juvenile and Adult Facility Residents and Family Members

From: Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

Date: May 14, 2021

Re: Clarification on Mask Requirements for KDOC

We have received updated guidance on wearing masks and other COVID-19 mitigation protocols. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended yesterday (Thursday, May 13, 2021) that fully vaccinated individuals no longer need to wear masks or socially distance. However, within that guidance is an exception requiring masks for correctional facilities. Governor Kelly issued new guidance this morning for state government workers that also includes the same exception.

Therefore, to remain in line with both CDC and Governor Kelly's recommendations, the following procedures will be followed for KDOC:

- Correctional Facilities:
 - Regardless of vaccination status, all staff, residents, volunteers and visitors will continue to wear masks and socially distance when possible.
- KDOC Central Office and Parole Offices:
 - Masks will no longer be required for staff who are fully vaccinated.
 - Staff who have not received the COVID-19 vaccination are required to wear masks and maintain social distance.
 - Visitors to KDOC Central Office and Parole Offices will not be required to wear masks as long as they are fully vaccinated.
- All other processes, including COVID-19 screening requirements, remain unchanged at this time.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation with this guidance.