

Michigan Department of Corrections

Parent/Legal Guardian COVID-19 General Waiver and Release of Liability for In-Person Visiting

Due to the ongoing novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Michigan Department of Corrections is taking extra precautions when resuming in-person visiting.

Symptoms of COVID-19 may include:

- Fever of 100.4+ degrees
- Chills, sweats, or shaking
- New or worsening cough
- New or worsening shortness of breath
- Sudden fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- New onset of headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- New sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting
- Abdominal pain
- Diarrhea

By initialing each box, the parent/legal guardian agrees to the following:

- I understand the above symptoms and affirm that the minor child—and members of their household—**does not** have and has not experienced the symptoms listed above within the last 14 days.
- I acknowledge that the minor child's temperature reading today was less than 100.4 degrees and the minor child's antigen test was negative (ages 2 and up only).
- I affirm that the minor child—and members of their household—has **not** been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 20 days.
- The minor child has not knowingly been exposed to anyone diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19 within the past 14 days.
- I understand that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has stated that there is evidence that persons with COVID-19 may be asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic, and that the virus may be transmitted to others by the minor child if they are such a carrier.
- I understand that the minor child is being allowed to visit during a pandemic, and that the minor child must follow all visitation rules and requirements, including but not limited to:
 - Wearing an appropriate mask over their nose and mouth for the duration of their visit (ages 2 and up only).
 - Being mindful of social distancing, keeping 6 feet away while in common areas. No physical contact except one embrace at the beginning and end of the visit.
 - Practicing good handwashing hygiene and utilizing available hand sanitizer.
- I understand that despite adhering to all precautions, there is still a possibility that the minor child will be exposed to or contract COVID-19.

Persons with underlying health conditions may be particularly susceptible to illness and death from COVID-19. Such conditions include, but are not limited to: heart disease, lung disease, suppressed immunity system, obesity, diabetes, kidney disease, liver disease, etc. Some children can get severely ill from COVID-19, including hospitalization, intensive care, or in rare cases, death. The CDC and partners are investigating a rare but serious, potentially deadly, medical condition associated with COVID-19 called Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C). Many children with MIS-C had the virus that causes COVID-19 or had been around someone with COVID-19. I have been advised and willingly choose to allow the minor child to visit, understanding the minor child's own health condition(s).

I have read the above and understand it is not inclusive of all risks and safety measures related to COVID-19. I am allowing the minor child to visit a prisoner incarcerated with the Michigan Department of Corrections during the pandemic. In accordance with applicable law and facility policy, I agree to enter into this general waiver and release of liability. By signing this agreement, I waive and release the State of Michigan, its agencies, employees, agents, predecessors, successors and indemnors, heirs and assigns, from any and all liability, including claims, demands, obligations, actions, causes of action, damages, costs, and fees, whether based on a tort, contract, or any other theory of recovery, legal or equitable, arising out of the minor child contracting COVID-19.

I have read and voluntarily sign this agreement effective as of the date set forth below.

1. Name of Minor Child: _____
2. Name of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____
3. Facility: _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date