

CDC Protocols for Prisons & Detention Centers

MTC is following the Centers for Disease and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 [protocols for prisons and detention](#). MTC operates [21 correctional facilities](#) and [5 detention centers](#) in the United States. Here is a summary of some of the key measures MTC has taken to comply with the CDC's protocols for prisons and detention centers:

- Suspended visitation
- Limited visitors to only essential services
- Established contacts with local health officials
- Created and tested communication systems to quickly communicate vital information with inmates, detainees, staff, and others when needed
- Set up system to communicate with nearby correctional facilities to share status of disease and staff absenteeism patterns
- Set up system to check CDC updates daily
- Identified areas of the prison that can be used as quarantine areas, these designated areas are separated from medical isolation
- Established social distancing practices which include:
 - Enforcing increased space between individuals in housing areas, during recreation, during meals
 - Suspending or reducing programming; in areas where government agencies require continued inmate programming, students are spread out and class sizes are reduced
 - Suspending work-release programs
 - Suspending volunteer programs including religious services; although individuals are allowed to continue practicing their faith
- Replaced in-person court hearings with virtual hearings or suspended court hearings depending on government agency mandates
- Posted signage throughout our facilities in English and Spanish outlining the symptoms of COVID-19, measures to reduce the risk, instructions for staff and inmates should they become ill
- Identified staff who could work from home and allowed some to work from home
- **Ensured that sufficient stocks of hygiene supplies, cleaning supplies, PPE, and medical supplies and developed a plan to restock these items as needed**
- Provided enough soap to inmates/detainees to ensure they're able to wash their hands frequently
- **Implemented daily, intensified cleaning and disinfecting procedures**

For a full list of CDC COVID-19 guidelines for prisons and detention facilities, [click here](#).