

March 16, 2020

The Honorable Tate Reeves
Governor of Mississippi
P.O. Box 139
Jackson, MS 39205

Re: COVID-19 Prevention and Protection in Mississippi Facilities

Dear Governor Reeves:

We write on behalf of thff facilities and
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of contagious illnesses
in poor health. Without the active
ability to learn about ongoing
es if they are to learn of

the Mississippi State
virus in all Mississippi
tment of Corrections facilities
Having an appropriate,
d minimize its impact if one does

or facility and the MSDH
n the details and implementation of

SDH , and National
guidelines We urge you to
d the NCCHC. The NCCHC

<https://www.ncchc.org/blog/covid19coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know-in-corrections> We understand that prison-specific COVID-19 guidelines are likely forthcoming from the CDC.

2. Education of the People in Custody. People housed in prisons and jails should be informed about COVID-19, its symptoms, and the measures they can take to minimize their risk of contracting or spreading the virus. This includes education on the importance

of proper handwashing, coughing into their elbows, and social distancing to the extent they can.

financial barriers do not prevent anyone with a suspected COVID infection from receiving immediate, appropriate medical care

13. Data Collection.

information. Facilities should provide regular daily public updates on the number of cases and

Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of the signatories below should you have any questions or concerns about this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

ACLU of Mississippi

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Mississippi Prison Reform Coalition

People's Advocacy Institute

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