

# Coffee Talk



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#### RAMOS PROJECT



On April 20, 2020, in *Ramos v. Louisiana*, the United States Supreme Court ruled that the Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

requires unanimous jury verdicts for a conviction in a criminal case, striking down Oregon's non-unanimous jury law. From now on, all jury convictions require unanimity in criminal cases.

What does this mean for you?

- 1. If your case is currently on direct appeal (and you do not yet have a final judgment), then contact your appellate attorney.
- 2. If your case reached a final judgment (meaning you have completed your direct appeals), then whether you can benefit from the *Ramos* decision will depend on litigating numerous issues including its retroactivity through the post-conviction relief (PCR) process. This process will take time. People in custody impacted by the decision will not be immediately released.
- 3. Despite the impact of COVID-19, we have provided resources to you through your law libraries.

What is the Ramos Project and how we can help you?

The Ramos Project was developed by Professor Aliza Kaplan, Director of the Criminal Justice Reform Clinic at Lewis & Clark Law School and O'Connor Weber LLC, a private appellate and PCR law firm in Portland. The Ramos Project's initial goal is to provide information (to anyone who thinks that they may have a PCR claim because of the *Ramos* decision) and assistance in filing their pro se PCR petition.

Where can you receive assistance in filing your pro se PCR petition?

We encourage everyone to reach out to their facility's law library and get assistance in filing their pro se PCR petition if possible. You are welcome to fill out the PCR petitions by hand if mobility is limited due to the virus. The Ramos Project is providing all DOC law libraries sample pro se petitions with instructions that will help with filing. Please note: there are fees associated with filing for PCR. Please contact us with your questions and concerns. We are here to help. Please contact us at:

Criminal Justice Reform Clinic 4110 SE Hawthorne Blvd. #725 Portland, OR 97214

## ROAD TO SUCCESS RELEASE CLASSES UPDATE

From Transition Coordinator

Road to Success wants to share that the Release classes are still operating. Classes are small and are including self-guided packet work. If you need assistance with your release and are within 4 months of paroling you can still come to open office hours in Minimum, Tuesday mornings from 8-10am in D17. If you are in Medium, please kyte "Transition Coordinator" and we will schedule a time to assist you.

#### **State of Oregon, DOC Commissary**

News, Updates and Reminders

**Commissary News:** 

Good news, effective immediately the 30-line item limit has been lifted.

#### Reminders:

Due to year-end inventory, sales of the following pre-sale items will be suspended from Friday June 5th through June 28th.

#### Pre-sale items:

- Music Vouchers
- Musical Instruments
- MP4 Accessories
- Shoes

#### NCI Level 3

Any orders submitted for suspended items during this period will be cancelled. Normal sale of these items will resume beginning June 29, 2020.

Please DO NOT contact Telmate with questions about suspended items.



## CHANGE OF CORRECTIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS VENDOR

DOC is currently in the process of transitioning the correctional communication system (phones, video kiosks, and tablets) to our new vendor, CenturyLink. This project will be completed in multiple steps.

Step 1: Upgrade the phones in all facilities.

In this step there will be no change in service provider. Telmate/GTL will still provide all services.

Step 2: Change out of Video Stations, Tablets, and Network

In this step, services will be changed from Telmate/GTL to CenturyLink.

This process will be staggered across the facilities (not every facility will transition on the same date).

Each facility will be cutover as soon as the equipment installation at that location has been completed.

The planned schedule for the change to CenturyLink is;

- Week 1: DRCI, CRCI
- Week 2: SFFC, OSP, TRCI
- Week 3: EOCI, SCI, MCCF, OSCI, SCCI
- Week 4: WCCF, SRCI, PRCF, CCCF

Please keep in mind this schedule is subject to change. Week 1 is set to start Wednesday, June 3, 2020.

Important information about the change to CenturyLink

- The funds on your Telmate/GTL account at the time your facility changes to CenturyLink will automatically transition to your new account with CenturyLink.
- The funds that your friends and family have with Telmate/GTL will not transition to CenturyLink.
- Friends and family members will need to contact Telmate/GTL directly at 1-866-516-0115 to request a refund of any remaining balance on their accounts.
- The messages, photos, and contact information from your Telmate account will not transition to CenturyLink. If you have photos you would like to

- be saved, contact one of your friends or family members and request they make copies through their Getting Out Telmate/GTL account.
- Friends and family members should monitor the ODOC website or social media accounts for updated information regarding the new vendor. This will include a link to the CenturyLink website: https://www.centurylinkcorrections.com/facilities/or \_doc.html, where they can register an account, make deposits, find call and messaging rates, etc.
- Friends and family registration is not currently available. We anticipate the registration be available May 21, 2020, but is subject to change. If the date changes, it will be announced on CenturyLink's website and ODOC's social media pages. Friends and family can register their accounts before your facility is set to transition.
- More information regarding MP3/MP4 devices is coming soon.

We are aware this will be a significant change, but we are doing everything possible to minimize the impact this will have on your communication with your friends and family members. We believe this change will come with a lot of value, including the discounted calling rates listed below.

| RATES *                                     |  |
|---|--|
| \$0.09 per minute                           |  |
| \$0.20 per minute                           |  |
| \$5.88 per session<br>(28 min session)      |  |
| FREE  |  |
| \$0.04 per minute                           |  |
| \$0.25 per msg<br>(8,000 char max)          |  |
| \$0.25 per msg or photo<br>(8,000 char max) |  |
| \$0.50 per voicemail                        |  |
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Further information regarding how to use the new services will be provided to you soon.



### **OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

## UPDATE ON 2-YEAR VISITING RENEWALS AND APPLICATIONS

Visitor Services has received several questions regarding 2-year renewals since the suspension of visitation, in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). We continue to work to not only process visiting applications but provide customer service and regular maintenance of all visiting records for thousands of visitors throughout the state.

Per the visiting rule, if a visitor has not visited within the previous 2 years, the visitor will be automatically removed from the visiting list. In such an event, the <u>visitor</u> must submit a new application to be added to the list

Now is a great time to submit visiting renewals for your friends and family. Submitting your renewal now will prevent your friends and family from needing to complete the full application process again, after a removal.

This is also a great time to submit your visiting applications.

Waiting to submit applications until visitation has resumed could result in a delay. **Now is the time to get applications submitted.** 

- Encourage family and friends to submit online applications (renewals can also be submitted online)
- You may also submit applications directly to the Visitor and Volunteer Services Unit for processing.

We recognize the importance of family connections and are working hard to ensure applications are being processed in a timely manner.

J. Ferguson, Visitor and Volunteer Services Manager



## **CCCF CRU ORDERLY (MEDIUM FACILITY)**

The Correctional Rehabilitation Unit is looking for an Office Orderly. The hours for this position will be **Monday – Friday (No Holidays)**, 9:00AM – 10:30AM or 1:00-3:00PM. This position receives **11** points per day. Typical duties of the orderly are as follows: General cleaning of the office including kitchen, restrooms, dusting of the conference room and cleaning offices as needed. Sweeping, mopping and buffing floors; emptying trash; and helping with various clerical office projects as needed. If you are interested in applying, please **complete a job application** and submit it to **Ms. Johnson** in CRU no later than Friday, **JUNE 12**, **2020**.

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- > INCENTIVE LEVEL 3
- > 6 MONTHS CLEAR CONDUCT
- > NOT MINIMUM ELIGIBLE

#### PUPPY HANDLERS NEEDED



By Ms. Kath & Ms. Clayton/Superintendent's Office

We are excited to announce the Coffee Creek Puppy Program (CCPP) is currently in the process of accepting applications. Canine Companions for Independence (CCI)

is a non-profit organization that trains puppies to assist people with disabilities. The Department of Corrections and CCI have a partnership in which selected AICs work as handlers to train CCI puppies.

Things to consider about being a handler:

- Am I a team player?
- Am I ready and willing to commit at least 24-months of my time to this team?
- Can I remain professional as a team member, even if I don't personally like another member?
- Am I patient and kind?
- Am I open minded to learning new ways of communicating and interacting with others?
- Am I accepting of constructive criticism and flexible enough to go with the flow of change?
- Do I want to live on J Unit?
- Can I find a compatible cellmate that would want to live with me, a puppy, and the supplies in a small area?

#### Eligibility for Hire:

- Incentive level 3.
- One-year DR free.
- Have a high school diploma, GED, or be working toward it.
- Have a release date of 2026 or later.

If you are interested in applying, please send a paper communication addressed to the Superintendent's Office, no later than June 21st, 2020. In addition to the qualifications listed above the screening process will include communication with your supervisor (past/present), Security staff, Health Services, BHS, and a review of your institution records. In the past, candidates who did not perfectly fit the eligibility requirements did apply and were successful. Don't be afraid to make a case for yourself in your application if you are close and know you are right for the job.

Please note: interviews will not be scheduled until the facility is open to contractors again.

#### **RULE UPDATES**

From: DOC

Below is the list of status changes made to DOC administrative rules since 05/01/20.

#### PROPOSED RULES:

291-180 Interstate Compact

- Amends the rules to adopt the recent changes made to official ICAOS rules.
- Last day to provide comments: 07/20/20 @ 5:00 PM

#### **TEMPORARY RULES:**

291-069 Security Threat Management

- Amends the rules to clarify modifications that may be made to services and programs for the safety and security of the facility, staff and AICs.
- Effective: 05/26/20 11/21/20

#### 291-093 Death Row Housing Unit

- Amends the rules to update the departments policy to allow for individualized housing decisions regarding AICs with a sentence of death, which may include appropriate housing other than the Death Row Housing Unit or a Death Row status cell.
- Effective: 05/27/20 11/22/20

#### HIRING ADL WORKERS: MEDIUM FACILITY

From: Health Services

Are you looking for a new job? Are you a kind, caring, compassionate person? Are you looking for a way to help others and give back? Are you respectful and responsible? CCCF is currently accepting applications for ADL Worker positions. Activities of daily living (ADL's) are day to day activities like walking or pushing a wheelchair, bathing, dressing, feeding, and toileting that some AIC's may not be able to do on their own; as they may require assistance.

In order to be considered for this position you must be housed in the MEDIUM FACILITY, have 6 months clear conduct and no program failures in the last 6 months. You must also have at least one year remaining on your sentence and be physically able to lift with no medical restrictions. We are looking for individuals who

communicate well with others, are patient, and respect the need for confidentiality. If you are interested in an ADL Worker position, pick up and complete an Work Application on your unit. Address your completed application to Health Services Nurse Manager and submit by placing in the Health Services kyte box on your unit. Applications received will be screened by Institution Work Programs (IWP). Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications may be scheduled and called out for an interview. Thanks for your interest.



#### **WEEKEND AT THE MOVIES**

June 6:

The Peanut Butter Falcon (R)

June 7:

Birds of Prey (R)

June 13: Frozen (PG)

June 14: Star Wars: Episode IX: The Rise of Skywalker

(PG13)

#### Central Trust & Financial Office From DOC

DOC's Chief Financial Office recognizes this is a difficult time and wants to assure adults in custody that Financial Services staff (Central Trust & Business Services) are doing all they can to ensure all deposits, transfers, and CD28/CD28Ps are processed as timely as possible.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended precautions are in place in U.S. Post Offices and throughout DOC. These precautions entail quarantining mail (including all internal shuttled mail) prior to being handled by staff. Therefore, as mail travels to and from both internal and external locations, DOC is quarantining mail for the required 24-hour period. This precautionary procedure will result in processing and response delays.

In addition to the delay in mail services, because of the Governor's directive for DOC staff to work from home when possible, many DOC staff are telecommuting. These staff are taking turns coming into the institutions daily to collect, process, mail, and deliver financial requests and communications. This too causes delays in processing.

Delays vary by location (estimated 1-4 weeks). AICs are encouraged to submit AIC communications electronically to address trust account-related questions and concerns.

We appreciate your patience during this time.

#### **VISITING APPLICATIONS**

From CRU

Once you have submitted an application, whether it was hand written or on the kiosk, please do not keep resubmitting applications for the same visitor. The process for a visitor application can take up to 6 to 8 weeks. Once the visitor is approved or denied, you will receive notification of the application status. Submitting more than one application per visitor is not productive and will not speed up the process.

#### **MASKS FOR AIC'S**

From DOC



Every AIC was given two (2), washable, cotton-blend masks. It is your responsibility to clean them. You can either clean them in the washing machine or in the sink with warm water and soap, hang to dry. Additional masks will not be issued because you failed to wash

them.

You may not draw on the outside of these masks and you may write your name on the inside so they can get back to you if you wash them in a combined load of laundry. If your masks are too small or they are in some state of disrepair, please kyte Captain A. Bruns or Captain M. McCorkhill.

#### **MASKS FOR AIC'S – HEALTH SERVICES**

From DOC AOC



Effective immediately, all individuals entering and occupying any DOC Health Services areas are required to wear a utility mask. These utility

masks are the cloth masks provided to you by DOC. If you do not have a utility mask, please check with your unit

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officer. Remember to wash your hands before putting the mask on your face.

DOC staff are required to wear masks in all Health Services, including Behavioral Health Services (BHS) appointments.

AIC's arriving at Medical Health Services without a mask will be denied access.

AIC's going to BHS are strongly encouraged to wear masks but will not be denied access without one.

This new directive is for your safety. Research shows that the coronavirus/COVID-19 can spread between people interacting in close proximity - for example, speaking, coughing, or sneezing—even if those people don't have symptoms.

#### COVID-19

From: DOC



As you may be aware, state health officials have announced positive cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Oregon. It's understandable you may have questions and

concerns about this situation. We want to assure you DOC is taking appropriate precautions to protect employees, contractors, visitors, and all adults in custody.

#### What can YOU do?

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Stay in your cell or housing unit when you are sick.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

Clean and disinfect your personal area frequently.

#### So, what are the FACTS?

(from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) There is presently no vaccine for COVID-19.

There is no specific-antiviral cure for COVID-19.

Symptom relief, close medical monitoring, and standard precautions are the standard-of-care.

The coronavirus is spread through the air by coughing and sneezing, touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.

As with any health condition, YOU are the best person to take care of YOUR health!

If you think you may have been exposed to COVID-19, please contact Health Services immediately.

#### **FLU VACCINATIONS**

From: Health Services

I've got mine-have you gotten yours??? Get a FLU Shotit's not too late...

If you did not receive a flu shot during the scheduled Flu Clinics OR previously chose not to get one when it was offered and have now changed your mind... please kyte Health Services and request a flu shot.

Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **PREA INFORMATION**

From: DOC

It is normal for people who experience sexual abuse to feel overwhelmed and have a lot of questions about what their options are. It is also important to remember no one deserves to be sexually abused. It is not your fault. Surviving and healing is possible.

AIC's who have experienced sexual abuse may reach a community-based advocate by dialing "711" from the AIC telephone system. Community-based advocates provide survivors of sexual abuse information about their options, resources, information and emotional support. Calls to "711" are confidential and free of charge.

#### Advocates role

Provide over-the-phone confidential support and crisis intervention related to sexual abuse

Talk with a survivor about their current and ongoing safety

Explain reporting options available through PREA

Support survivor at a sexual assault forensic medical examination

Support survivor at an investigatory interview related to sexual abuse, as requested

Educate/teach survivor coping skills for healing from sexual abuse

Provide resources and referrals

Provide follow-up support

An advocate's role is Not make decisions or tell a survivor what to do Not tell a survivor whether or not to report Not investigate a crime
Not provide legal advice
Not be a survivor's friend
Not provide therapy
Not communicate with the institution unless the survivor requests them to do so and only with a signed limited release of information

Community-based advocacy centers provide sexual abuse support to people of all genders. Community-based advocates will not report the sexual abuse unless you request them to do so and only if you sign a release of information. Advocacy crisis lines are not a reporting hotline. If you wish to file a report, you may contact the Inspector General Hotline by dialing 9 on the AIC telephone system, writing an AIC communication (kyte), filing a grievance, or writing the Governor's Office at State Capitol, Room 160, 900 Court Street, Salem, OR 97301.

DOC is committed to providing AIC's with avenues to seek assistance. Below are additional resources:

Just Detention International Headquarters 3325 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 340 Los Angeles, CA 90010

PREA Advocate Coordinator Oregon Department of Corrections 2575 Center Street NE Salem, OR 97301

The community-based advocacy crisis line is for individuals needing assistance coping with sexual abuse related issues and is not to be used for other purposes. Contacting an advocate for anything other than services related directly to coping with sexual abuse takes away valuable resources for sexual assault survivors who need an advocate's help. Telephone calls and mail to community-based advocacy centers are considered privileged/confidential communication and will be handled similar to legal calls/official mail.

You may reach your community-based advocate by dialing "711" from the AIC telephone, dialing their direct crisis line number, or sending written correspondence.

#### COFFEE CREEK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION:

Center for Hope and Safety (CHS) 605 Center St. NE, Salem, OR 97301 1 (866) 399-7722 CHS advocates are confidential. Dial 711 to speak with an advocate or write to us at: Center for Hope & Safety 605 Center St NE, Salem OR 97301

The Center for Hope & Safety offers a safe refuge and supportive services for victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Services are provided to survivors of any race, color, creed, disability, religious belief, status, gender presentation or sexual orientation. All services are free and confidential.