

LCP Frequently Asked Questions

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Lancaster County Prison will attempt to operate the institution as normal as possible. The best way to protect yourself against viruses is by washing your hands, practicing good hygiene and maintaining a safe distance from other individuals.

In an attempt to allow everyone to contact their family, all inmates will receive 2 free calls per week. After 30 days, we will reevaluate to see if it will be extended.

The free calls are available every Wednesday. The first 2 calls you make will not be charged to your account. The calls can be up to 15 minutes, just like a regular paid call. The following Wednesday you will have 2 more free calls available. If you don't use them, you lose them. They do not carry over to the next week.

Should you have any additional questions, please use the kiosk to submit a request.

Q. Am I getting out early?

A. *This is not a function of the prison but rather a decision made by the courts. Inmates can contact their attorney with further questions.*

Q. If I have a medical condition, will I be released?

A. *Again, this is not decision made by prison staff or medical. It is a decision made by the courts. If you have medical concerns, submit a request to medical through the kiosk, or write your attorney regarding release.*

Q. Are inmates still being transferred to state prisons?

A. *Yes, but the state DOC determines how many people can go and when they can be transferred.*

Q. What is happening with WRITS?

A. *WRITs are being conducted on a very minimal basis.*

Q. Are the courts completely shut down?

A. *No. Court proceedings are being conducted on a limited basis and are done through video conferencing.*

Q. Who gets a video conference and how?

A. *The prison does not determine who gets a video conference. This is determined by the courts. Inmates are responsible for contacting their attorney with any questions related to their case status.*

Q. Will my release date for rehab / Door to Door / Fast Track be affected?

A. *No. Fast Tracks are still occurring, and treatment facilities are still accepting individuals as long as they are not displaying flu-like symptoms. Should an inmate display these symptoms, the bed date may be pushed back until the inmate is symptom free.*

Q. Are legal visits still occurring?

A. *Legal visits are still taking place on the housing units.*

Q. What does it mean if a block is "quarantined"?

A. *If a block is on "quarantine", it indicates there is an increase in precautionary measures such as monitoring for symptoms such as fever. This label does **not** mean there is a confirmed case of the virus on the unit. Once a block has been completely free of elevated temperatures (any over 100.4) for 14 days, the quarantine can be lifted.*

Q. When will visitation come back?

A. *This will depend on federal, state and local guidelines which will be reviewed periodically. Currently, there is no set date.*

Q. Are furloughs still occurring?

A. *Yes, based upon court orders.*

Q. Are property exchanges still being done?

A. *Property exchanges are being conducted on an emergency basis only. This is determined by supervisors.*

Q. Is commissary still running?

A. *Yes*

Q. Why is everyone having their temperature taken?

A. *As part of our preventative measures, staff and inmates are having their temperature taken regularly. For inmates, this may be more frequent depending on where you are housed.*

Q. Are med runs and sick calls still occurring?

A. *Sick call visits will be conducted on the housing units. Medical and security will work together to determine when and if med runs occur.*

Q. What should I do if I experience flu-like symptoms?

A. *Please inform a staff member and submit a sick call slip via the kiosk so medical can evaluate.*

Q. Is Medical equipped to deal with a confirmed case of COVID-19?

A. *Yes. Policies and procedures are in place to address COVID-19 as deemed appropriate by medical.*

Q. Are inmate services (programs, groups) still running?

A. *Due to the limited movement within the facility, all programming has been suspended until further notice. Mental Health, chaplains and inmate services specialists are still available to assist inmates. Please use the kiosk to contact them.*

Q. Can I still go to C-Main / D-Block?

A. *The Inmate Trustee Program (ITP) is still running. Inmates must be incarcerated for at least 14 days with no symptoms to be eligible for consideration. Inmates on quarantined blocks are not permitted to move to C-Main or D-Block until the quarantine is complete.*

Q. When will Work Release start running again?

A. *This will depend on federal, state and local guidelines which will be reviewed periodically. Currently, there is no set date.*