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MEMORANDUM

To: Inmate Population

From: D. Anderson, Warden

Subject: Red Line Compliance

Beginning immediately, to allow the inmate population the appropriate out of cell activity in a safe and orderly manner, inmates will be required to follow the procedures as outlined below:

- During pod recreation or other out of cell movement, inmates will not be permitted to step onto or across the red lines (unauthorized areas) on the floor unless instructed to do so by staff. If an inmate(s) is observed in an unauthorized area an audible warning will be issued to alert the inmate(s) and allow the inmate(s) time to come into compliance. If the inmate(s) fail to come into compliance force may be utilized to gain compliance to ensure the safety and security of all individuals and the housing unit.
- When the cell door is opened for pod recreation, meals, etc., inmates must stand in front of their assigned cell door and remain there until all cell doors are secured and instructed by staff to begin the activity.
- During pod recreation, there will be no laundry bags, coats, multiple layers of clothing or any other unauthorized items permitted. Any inmate(s) observed in violation will be returned to their cell.
- When locking down at the conclusion of pod recreation or outside recreation, the inmates will be given a "five (5) minutes" until lockdown notification to begin concluding activities and a "one (1) minute" until lockdown notification to leave the common area and stand outside of their assigned cell until the doors are opened. Use of force can be used to compel inmates to come into compliance. This could result in further daily activities being cancelled.
- Inmates are not permitted to continue/complete barber services, showers, phone calls, kiosk usage, etc. after the "one (1) minute" announcement. Any inmate(s) who are not compliant will be restricted to their cell for the remainder of the day and charged for being in an unauthorized area. Use of force may be used to compel inmates to come into compliance.