

Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority

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TO: All Inmates
FROM: Timothy E. Trent, Administrator *TE Trent*
SUBJECT: **Visitation**
DATE: March 16, 2020

After careful consideration and the Governor of Virginia declaring a state of emergency, I have decided to suspend visitation at all Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority sites for at least the next couple of weeks. This will begin immediately. We will reevaluate this in two weeks. Hopefully, we will be able to resume visitation at that time. This was not an easy decision. I did not make this decision without considering all options. In order to ensure the health and safety of our staff and their families, as well as the health and safety of you and your families, I had to do this. In order to move on with the daily operations of the jails and prevent further disruptions, this was necessary in order to keep this virus out of our jails.

I will be working with our telephone provider to allow you free calls in order to communicate with your family. The Site Administrators will be letting you know how that will work soon. Again, I'm sorry that it has come to this but in order to keep you healthy, this was the only option.