

# CIC Bulletin - April 2020

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## CIC BULLETIN

NEWS FROM DC CORRECTIONS INFORMATION COUNCIL

### Message from the Executive Director



The CIC remains committed to serving DC code offenders within the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) and the DC Department of Corrections (DOC). As the novel coronavirus continues to impact the world, our agency will continue to report on information pertinent to the DC inmate population, and update the [CIC website](#) as institutional conditions concerning the coronavirus evolve. Our office is open, and we will remain on a modified telework schedule until May 15, 2020, tentatively.

During the last month, our agency has worked to communicate with institutional leaders about the conditions of confinement impacting our incarcerated residents during this pandemic. We have conducted local site visits and produced reports on conditions within the DOC, Hope Village, and Fairview RRC. We continue to communicate with DC inmates within the BOP and the DOC via email and phone calls. We will persist with our efforts to keep you informed.

Visitation to BOP facilities is prohibited at this time, so our visit to FCI Cumberland

is postponed, but it will be rescheduled at a later date. You may currently find the report from our most recent visit to Secure Female Facility (SFF) Hazelton on our website.

Be Safe and Stay Home.

*-Donald Isaac, Sr.*



## Hope Village will not renew contract with the BOP

- **D.C.'s only halfway house for men is 'winding down' amid coronavirus concerns**

The District's only halfway house for men announced Thursday that it will close its prisoner reentry program amid criticism of its response to the [coronavirus](#), raising questions about where D.C. residents returning from prison will be housed. Continue reading about the history of DC's halfway house and tentative plans for the future of returning citizens [HERE](#).

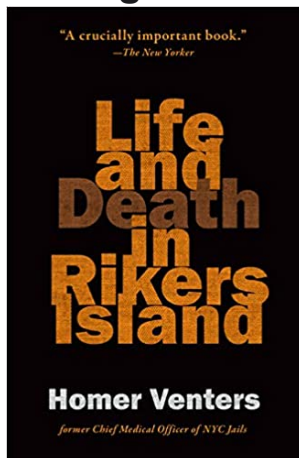
- In light of the recent news that Hope Village will not renew their contract with the BOP, Congressman Eleanor Holmes Norton released a letter sent to the BOP asking for a contingency plan for individuals returning to DC.

Norton previously called on the BOP to release as many Hope Village residents as possible and appropriate to home confinement to help combat the coronavirus. Read Congressman Norton's letter to the BOP [HERE](#).

Read the BOP's response to Congressman Holmes Norton [HERE](#).

In addition, the CIC has been gathering information from the BOP on plans for current Hope Village residents. Learn more about the upcoming release plan [HERE](#).

## What We're Reading: Healthcare in Prison



### Life and Death in Rikers Island

In *Life and Death in Rikers Island*, by Homer Venters, the former Chief Medical Officer for New York City's jails, explains the health risks associated with incarceration. Dr. Venters spent nine years overseeing the care of thousands of inmates on Rikers Island. Though he left Rikers in 2017, what he witnessed on the job has stayed with him. Dr. Venters says, "Working at Rikers left me with a zeal to continue this work all over the country. ... The problems of Rikers are in many cases the problems of jails and prisons everywhere in the United States."



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