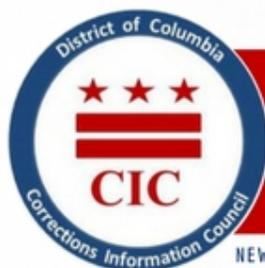


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NEWS FROM DC CORRECTIONS INFORMATION COUNCIL

Message from the Executive Director



In the wake of these trying times, the CIC remains consistent in reporting on the health and safety of incarcerated residents. We have successfully signed our Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Corrections (DOC). The finalization of this MOA is a great start to the working relationship we have with the DOC. We conducted our annual inspection of the DOC, focusing on promising practices within programming. We project that this report will be completed and published within the next 90 days. The CIC has completed its 2019 annual report. In this year's report we discuss our six onsite visits to facilities within the Bureau of Prisons (BOP), nine published reports, and our new full staff. You can view our annual report [HERE](#).

Our next inspection to FCI Cumberland will focus on access to the law library and adequate programming for inmates. Our spring interns will be joining our group to conduct the inspection. Each semester we take our interns on at least one inspection within a BOP facility. Going into the facilities helps them to gain exposure

and first-hand knowledge about the work we do for incarcerated DC residents.

March is Women's History Month, and the CIC wants to highlight the population of women who are incarcerated in the BOP and the DOC. At the beginning of this month, there were 124 women in 12 BOP facilities and 97 in DOC custody. Last summer, we visited SFF Hazelton, where we spoke to DC women about program availability, resources, and overall conditions. The SFF Hazelton report will be available and published within the next 60 days. We will continue to research and report on the issues affecting incarcerated women from DC.

-Donald Isaac, Sr.



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates within the BOP and the DOC

- As of March 13, 2020, The Bureau of Prisons (BOP) modified procedures concerning legal visits, social visits, and inmate movement for 30 days. Read the BOP's COVID-19 Action Plan [HERE](#).
- The DC Department of Corrections (DOC) has implemented modified visitation procedures starting March 14, 2020, for 30 days. Read the DOC's Coronavirus Prevention Plan [HERE](#).

Update on Corrections Information Council Operating Status during COVID-19 Emergency

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to have an impact on communities across the District and the country. Along with the rest of the District government, our agency remains open. In

rest of the District government, our agency remains open. In accordance with Mayor Muriel Bowser's decision to modify the work schedule of District of Columbia employees, the CIC will operate under a 100% telework schedule beginning today, March 16, until March 31, 2020 from 9am to 5pm in an effort to mitigate the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

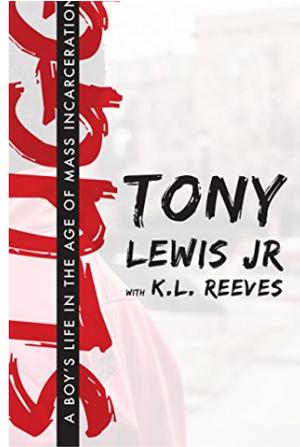
The CIC is committed to monitoring and reporting on the conditions of DC inmates within the DC Department of Corrections (DOC) and within the Bureau of Prisons (BOP). As of today, no outside visitation is permitted within the BOP or the DOC, so all pending inspections and or site visits will be postponed until a later date. We have been inquiring about procedures within DOC and BOP facilities, and we have also been monitoring the news for any information pertinent to incarcerated DC residents. All information gathered has been immediately disseminated by the CIC website and our social media channels.

So far, there are no known cases of COVID-19 within the DOC or the BOP. In addition, inmates can still communicate with the CIC via Corrlinks and letters. We will continue to keep the community informed and updated with any information that pertains to incarcerated DC residents. For up to date information please visit our website: www.cic.dc.gov , or visit one of our social media channels: Twitter: [@dc_cic_info](https://twitter.com/dc_cic_info) and Instagram: [@dc_cic](https://www.instagram.com/dc_cic). If you have any questions, concerns, or information please email the CIC at dccic@dc.gov, or call our direct line at (202) 478-9211.

Stay safe and stay healthy

What We're Reading: Children of Incarcerated Parents





Slugg: A Boy's Life in the Age of Mass Incarceration

The son of a Kingpin and a close-knit crime family, Tony Lewis Jr.'s life took a dramatic turn after his father's arrest in 1989. Washington D.C. was the murder capital of the country and Lewis was cast into the heart of the struggle, from a life of stability and riches to one of chaos and poverty. Tony Lewis' journey offers a close look at the familial residue of America's historic program of mass incarceration.



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