

## SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, COUNTY OF NASSAU

Sheriff's Memo

To: INMATE POPULATION, YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES From: SHERIFF DZURENDA Date: May 21, 2020 Subject: COVID-19 UPDATE

As I had told everyone last week, we will follow the lead of the Governor's Office and County Executive Curran's office and begin to ease restrictions slowly while we monitor closely for new cases of COVID-19 amongst the inmates and the staff. I am now allowing up to 25 inmates out at the same time in each housing area and to the rec yards. I am also allowing every inmate to have additional time out of their cells, a minimum of 30 extra minutes of time out per day in the housing area. As is the case in the communities, I am still enforcing social distancing in the facility. Of course, the above is based on your full cooperation with staff and your continued good behavior and patience.

The Department's pandemic plan has proven to have been a success, in large part thanks to the full cooperation of everyone. I have no doubt we have saved lives, your lives, the lives of staff and loved ones in the community by controlling the spread of the COVID-19 virus here at the Correctional Center.

I encourage all of you to partake in the Inmate Council Pilot Program, vote for your area's representative and allow your voice to be heard. I truly believe this is an opportunity to improve the facility from the inside out. Again, the purpose of the Council is to hear matters that the inmates are dealing with at the moment. Your cooperation is for everyone's safety and it will determine if we can continue this effort. Happy Memorial Day Weekend to everyone.