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SENT VIA EMAIL

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Re: COVID-19, Questions Regarding Incarcerated Persons

Dear Gov. DeWine, Director Chambers-Smith & Director Gies:

As the COVID-19 crisis continues to grow in Ohio, so does our concern regarding its impact behind bars across the state. Many Ohioans are understandably extremely worried about loved ones who are incarcerated. They are desperately seeking updates and information but are receiving none. We, the undersigned, share their concerns.

Accordingly, we ask each of you to publicly answer the following three sets of questions on a daily basis:

- 1) Are there any confirmed cases of COVID-19 in any DRC/DYS facilities? If so, how many? Which facilities?
- 2) Are there any suspected cases of COVID-19 in any DRC/DYS facilities? If so, how many? Which facilities?
- 3) Is anyone in a DRC or DYS facility being quarantined? If so, how many? Which facilities? How/under what conditions?

We know each of you are well aware how those incarcerated are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 and how COVID-19 in our institutions further jeopardizes the health of staff and the rest of Ohio.

In times of crisis, transparency and communication from our government is key. Answering these questions on a daily basis is a much-needed starting point at this time.

Sincerely,

American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio
Americans for Prosperity - Ohio
Juvenile Justice Coalition
National Association of Social Workers, Ohio Chapter
Ohio Organizing Collaborative
Ohio Student Association
Policy Matters Ohio