

To: All Inmates Housed OOS

From: VTDOC Central Office

Date: August 16, 2018

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Again we extend our thanks for the questions that have been submitted thus far. Unfortunately, at this point in the negotiation process, the department has still not yet received an allowable property matrix and cannot answer the majority of questions which have been submitted.

Expect the questions listed below to be answered in the near future and please continue to submit additional questions to CSS Zaccaria via the staff contact process as they arise.

- Will inmates be allowed to keep the gray footlockers purchased in Pennsylvania, or will they be reimbursed the \$17.00 paid?
- Will inmates be allowed to keep the typewriters purchased in Pennsylvania, or will they be reimbursed the \$250.00 paid?
- Will inmates be allowed to keep the tablets purchased in Pennsylvania, or will these be confiscated?
- Will inmates be allowed to keep the gym shorts purchased in Pennsylvania, or will these be confiscated?
- Current phone rates are \$0.06 per minute. Will this rate be preserved? If not, what will the new rate be?
- Will inmates with chronic mental and/or physical health care conditions continue to be housed out of state?
- Previous transports have been exceptionally uncomfortable. Will travel conditions be improved during the next transport?
- Will the VT DOC pay the postage for property which cannot be brought to the new facility?
- Besides the carry-on box, how many boxes of property will be allowed?
- What is the size of the new units or pods? How many cells or beds will there be?
- Will the new facility have wet cells or open dorms?
- Will there be microwaves available in the new units or pods?
- Is there a list of inmate employment opportunities and rates of pay available?
- Can we have JPAY or GTL tablets?
- Will we be allowed to have property sent back in?
- Will video game systems be allowed at the new facility?
- Can unopened commissary items be sent to the new facility?
- Who is the approved commissary vendor, and what vendors can we order from?
- When will our Pennsylvania accounts be closed?
- When will our property be sent out? Can all property be sent to the new facility?
- What is the in-person visitation schedule and will video visitation be allowed?



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Question List Continued:

- Will there be medical copays at the new facility?
- Will the housing plan be finalized prior to moving to the new facility?
- Will inmates be transported via bus or plane?
- Will Vermont inmate ID numbers be used at the new facility?
- How will we access the Vermont courts and the law library?
- How can our friends and family members send money?

Please be sure to be as specific as possible when submitting questions. Staff contacts which include questions on the transition must be submitted separately from staff contacts containing questions on general casework issues or they will not be answered.

Please refer friends and family to the Vermont Department of Correction's public website for access to these FAQ's.

<http://doc.vermont.gov/information-for-inmate-families-and-friends/inmates-housed-out-of-state/>

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience as we continue the negotiation process.

