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## FISCAL UPDATE Article

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### BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING — NOVEMBER 2020

**Meeting.** The Board of Corrections met on November 6, 2020, through a Zoom video conference. Meeting materials and a video of the meeting may be found on the Department of Corrections (DOC) [website](#).

**COVID-19 Update.** DOC Director Beth Skinner provided an update on the impact of COVID-19 in the institutions. Overall, the institutions are about 6.7% over capacity, with approximately 7,346 inmates. This is a decrease of 1,100 since March. As of November 8, 2020, there were 1,145 active positive cases throughout the institutions and 6 hospitalizations. Currently, there are approximately 80 staff members that are staying home from work due to a positive COVID-19 test or quarantine. The most recent COVID-19 testing and case data from the institutions is updated daily and available on the [DOC COVID-19 webpage](#).

**Budget Update.** Fiscal Manager Steve Dick provided a Department budget update. The DOC is currently in discussions with the Department of Management (DOM) and the Governor's Office about the DOC's budget challenges related to COVID-19. The primary challenges identified by the DOC include increased overtime costs due to staff absences related to COVID-19 and increases in county confinement costs due to longer stays in jail before transfer into prison. The DOC has applied for federal funding from several sources. The primary source of funding for overtime and extra costs related to COVID-19 has been awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). In addition, the DOC has received funds from the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program to cover technology costs necessary to provide remote services for Community-Based Corrections. The DOC continues to apply for grants to reimburse extra costs related to COVID-19 and to provide technology upgrades for services.

**2021 Board Meeting Schedule.** The Board approved the 2021 Board meeting schedule, which will be available on the DOC [website](#).

**Next Meeting.** The next Board of Corrections meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2021, at a location to be determined.

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