



# Frequently Asked Questions Saguaro Correctional Facility, Eloy, Ariz.

\*The DOC/CoreCivic contract for services at Saguaro Correctional Facility may be reviewed online here: <https://cor.mt.gov/DataStatsContractsPoliciesProcedures/DataDocumentsandLinks/Contracts/120-Out-of-State-Inmate-Beds-Facility.pdf>

## How many Montana DOC inmates are located there and why?

DOC prisons are over capacity. Placing a portion of Montana inmates (240) at an out-of-state facility allows the department to better manage its prison population including inmates who are waiting for transfer to prison from local detention centers. The DOC continues to work with the HB 5 Select Committee on Corrections Facility Capacity and System Development to find a long-term solution.

## How were inmates selected to be transferred to Saguaro Correctional Center?

Inmates were transferred based on numerous factors including:

- Whether they wanted to volunteer
- Custody level
- Proximity to parole eligibility
- Active participation in treatment, other programming
- Medical, mental health, and dental treatment in process

## Are inmates still under the supervision of the Montana DOC even though they were transferred to Arizona?

Yes, they are still under the supervision of the Montana DOC, similar to inmates at Dawson County Correctional Center and Crossroads Correctional Center in Shelby, Mont.

## Will inmates receive health care and prescriptions as they did at MSP?

Yes, Saguaro meets all National Commission on Correctional Healthcare (NCCHC) standards for correctional facilities. The facility provides on-site health care, dental, audiology, pharmaceutical and mental health care services. Each transferring inmate is provided with a 7-day supply of their prescription. Those prescriptions are renewed upon arrival at Saguaro as appropriate.



## What will happen to inmates' property when they are transferred to Saguaro?

As is the case at all correctional facilities, inmates have a limited amount of space for personal items. Upon departure, inmates pack their property into 4-cubic-foot boxes. Excess property can be shipped to family or friends.

## Can friends and family send funds to inmates to buy commissary and other items?

Yes. Family and friends may send funds to their loved ones if they have been approved to do so by Montana DOC as is the case at all Montana DOC facilities. [Click here to learn more.](#) Initial transfers to inmates may take a few days for funds to be delivered to inmate accounts.

## Are commissary items and their prices at Saguaro similar to MSP?

For the most part, commissary items at Saguaro are the same as at MSP. However, because Arizona has local and state sales taxes, items may cost more.



## How can friends and family stay connected to inmates at Saguaro?

Phone calls, messaging, and video visits through tablets at the same rates as other Montana DOC-run facilities – Inmates may make phone calls (6 cents/minute), send messages (25 cents/minute or message), and participate in video visits through tablets (25 cents/minute). To initiate contact with family and friends from Saguaro, inmates must send new invitations to connect.

In-person visitation – Family and friends must be on the Montana DOC's approved visitor list to visit a loved one at the Saguaro facility. Additional information about visiting days, times, and procedures is located on the CoreCivic website. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Mail – Family and friends may send mail to their loved ones. [Click here to learn more.](#)

## I am an attorney and need to connect with my client at the Saguaro facility. How do I do that?

Legal visits may be arranged by contacting the main switchboard at the facility: (520) 464-0500

## What educational and vocational opportunities are available to inmates?

Saguaro Correctional Center offers inmates an opportunity to earn their HiSET and participate in training including:

- National Center for Construction and Education and Research classes – plumbing and carpentry
- Technimedia – Microsoft skills
- Serve Safe Certification
- Braille Translator
- Escape the Odds – box truck entrepreneurial program

## What work assignments are available to inmates?

The Saguaro facility provides work assignments in areas including janitorial, food service, and more. All inmates are offered work assignments.

## What religious opportunities are available to inmates?

Inmates are offered 13 different religious services each week. The facility complies with requirements set forth in the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000 (RLUIPA).

## What types of recreational opportunities are available to inmates?

The Saguaro facility offers a music program and other indoor and outdoor recreational opportunities.

## How does the DOC monitor contract compliance at Saguaro Correctional Center?

The DOC's Secure Contract Facilities Bureau works diligently to ensure contract compliance at the department's secure contract facilities, including Saguaro. This includes regular on-site visits, audits, and more. Technical experts from various areas and functions from throughout the DOC will also make regular on-site visits to the facility, in addition to engaging in regular communication with Saguaro staff members.

## Who do family and friends contact if they have questions or concerns about their loved one at Saguaro Correctional Center?

DOC Secure Contract Facilities Bureau - (406) 415-6518

DOC Constituent Services Manager - (406) 444-1680.

