



MIKE DEWINE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

Proclamation for Security Support to the Department of Rehabilitation & Corrections

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Ohio is authorized to call upon the Ohio National Guard to assist state and local government authorities to execute laws and respond to state emergencies; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020 I declared a State of Emergency for the entire state in response to the novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency activated the Emergency Operations Center; and

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus has spread throughout the prison population and the correctional staff at multiple state correctional facilities, county jails, and other confinement facilities and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections requires assistance at these facilities throughout the state with maintaining security in order to protect the public and the inmate population and to enforce the laws of the state; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2020 I issued a Proclamation memorializing my prior verbal order that took effect on April 16, 2020 authorizing the Ohio National Guard in a State Active Duty status to assist the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections with security at state confinement facilities; and

WHEREAS, county and local governments have requested assistance from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections with staffing their jail and confinement facilities and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitations and Corrections requires assistance not only with providing security at its own facilities, but also with assisting county and local governments with providing security at those facilities due to an increase of COVID-19 infections amongst correctional officers at those facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, pursuant to Article IX, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution and Section 5923.21 of the Ohio Revised Code, hereby authorize as needed, in State active duty status, those personnel and units of the Ohio National Guard, as designated by the Adjutant General, that are needed to take appropriate actions as is necessary to assist the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections with providing security support at any correctional facility, county jail, or confinement facility throughout the state in response to a significant number of COVID-19 infections amongst the ranks of state, county, and local corrections officers that has reduced the staffing levels required to maintain safe and adequate security at these facilities. Pursuant to Section 5923.23 of the Revised Code, those Ohio National Guard units and personnel will act only pursuant to the orders issued on my behalf by the Adjutant General, and through him, by the commanding officers of the units and personnel deployed by the Adjutant General. The Adjutant General shall provide for all transportation, services, equipment, and supplies necessary for the designated units or personnel of the Ohio National Guard.

This Proclamation amends the proclamation issued on April 22, 2020 and expands the Ohio National Guard's support of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Corrections. This proclamation takes effect immediately. It will remain in full force and effect until the assistance is no longer needed as determined by the Adjutant General, in consultation with the Governor, who will coordinate state response efforts and terminate this Proclamation upon the recommendation of the such time to be determined by the Executive Director of the Emergency Management Agency, who will coordinate state response efforts and terminate the emergency upon the recommendation of appropriate officials of the Department of Health.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
subscribed my name in Columbus, Ohio, on
the 11th day of December, 2020.



Mike DeWine
Governor, State of Ohio