

SDSD Detention Services Bureau- East Mesa Reentry

Date: 02-04-2022
Number: W.5.M
Subject: Incarcerated Persons Religious Services

PROCEDURE:

I. SERVICES

East Mesa Reentry Facility (EMRF) religious services schedule will be posted in each housing module for:

- Bible studies
- Literature requests
- Individual contact with the chaplain
- Church Services

The maximum number of incarcerated persons allowable per service is based on space available at the respective location, DSB operational plan, and COVID guidelines (i.e., masks required and six feet distancing):

House 3 classrooms – Maximum capacity – 24

House 4 classrooms – Maximum capacity – 10

Main Campus classrooms – Maximum capacity – 10

EMRF will provide the opportunity for all incarcerated persons to participate in religious services. Immediately following the completion of religious service, the tables, chairs, door handles and equipment used shall be disinfected by incarcerated workers or janitorial staff.

Religious services not provided by EMRF may be requested via incarcerated persons request directly to the facility chaplain. The chaplain will make an attempt to accommodate all religions.

II. SCHEDULE

Under the coordination of Supervising Correctional Counselor and Counseling staff, religious services schedule will be provided to suit the needs of the facility and ensure space and appropriate access to the population.

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III. ATTENDANCE

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All incarcerated persons are eligible to attend religious services in their respective housing modules. An open call will be provided by Program Deputy in the Main Campus and House 3/House 4 Deputies to allow those interested in attending an opportunity to do so.

The facility chaplain is responsible for establishing the number of services provided and facilitating a roster to record incarcerated persons attending religious services. The facility chaplain will provide the monthly attendance totals to the Supervising Correctional Counselor by the last day of the month.

IV. SECURITY

Religious services shall be monitored with safety checks and as needed to ensure safety of the religious volunteers and incarcerated persons.