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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY AT 10:00 AM ON  
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §2, the Department of Correction will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the following regulation:

103 CMR 483: Visiting Procedures

This hearing is being held in connection with proposed amendments to 103 CMR 483.00, which are necessary to bring the regulation into compliance with current standards and Department of Correction visitation practices including, but not limited to, advance scheduling of visits, visiting room seating arrangements, visitor screening, visitor processing, visitor exclusion, and video communication services.

The public hearing on this regulation shall be held virtually at **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2026.**

**Zoom call in and video access information:**

**Webinar ID 828 6115 3544**  
**Passcode 916897**

**Dial in Telephone number: 1-646-931-3860**

All interested parties are encouraged to submit written comments relating to 103 CMR 483 to Michele Dupuis-Clarke, Program Coordinator III, Department of Correction, 70 Franklin Street, Suite 600, Boston, MA 02110. All comments submitted to the Department may be posted on the Department's website and released in response to a request for public records. All written testimony and comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2026, in order to be taken under advisement.

Copies of the proposed regulations are available for review in each institution's law library.

# Small Business Impact Statement

*(As required by M.G.L. c. 30A §§ 2, 3 & 5)*

## 103 CMR 483 No:

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation:

- **Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?**  
No - concerns the Department of Correction's management of visitation at state correctional institutions.
- **Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?**  
No - concerns the Department of Correction's management of visitation at state correctional institutions.
- **Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?**  
No - concerns the Department of Correction's management of visitation at state correctional institutions.
- **Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?**  
No - concerns the Department of Correction's management of visitation at state correctional institutions.
- **Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?**  
No - concerns the Department of Correction's management of visitation at state correctional institutions.
- **Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation?**  
No - concerns the Department of Correction's management of visitation at state correctional institutions.
- **Are performance standards more appropriate than design/operational standards to accomplish the regulatory objective?**  
(Performance standards express requirements in terms of outcomes, giving the regulated party flexibility to achieve regulatory objectives and design/operational standards specify exactly what actions regulated parties must take.)  
No - concerns the Department of Correction's management of visitation at state correctional institutions.
- **Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation?**  
No - concerns the Department of Correction's management of visitation at state correctional institutions.
- **Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities?**  
No - concerns the Department of Correction's management of visitation at state correctional institutions.
- **Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?**  
No - concerns the Department of Correction's management of visitation at state correctional institutions.
- **Is the regulation likely to deter the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?**

No - concerns the Department of Correction's management of visitation at state correctional institutions.

- **Is the regulation likely to encourage the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?**

No - concerns the Department of Correction's management of visitation at state correctional institutions.

- **Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?**

No - concerns the Department of Correction's management of visitation at state correctional institutions.

- **Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?**

No - concerns the Department of Correction's management of visitation at state correctional institutions.

- **Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?**

No - concerns the Department of Correction's management of visitation at state correctional institutions.

- **Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective?**

No - concerns the Department of Correction's management of visitation at state correctional institutions.

- **Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?**

No - no impact on small business.