

Washington DOC Now Tweets Visitation Cancellations

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OLYMPIA, Wash. - Washington's Department of Corrections is now using Twitter to share information about visitation cancellations at its prisons.

Follow @WADOCVisits to learn about visitation room closures and family friendly events. You can also stay informed about other DOC news by following @WADOCNews for information about current events, lockdowns, and news stories. If you don't have or don't want a Twitter account you can Fast Follow with your personal cell phone by texting "**follow WADOCVisits**" to 40404 however standard text message rates may apply.

Twitter is a free service where you can get messages via email, text or online. All you need is an internet connection or a cell phone. You can choose to be notified by email or text message when DOC posts a new Tweet that announces visitation cancellations or family friendly events. Or you can visit the [prison webpages on our website](#) to see the most recent Tweets. **How do I receive Tweets from DOC?** You can receive Tweets from DOC several different ways: If you already have a Twitter account – *Follow on the web –* Sign into your personal Twitter account, search for WADOCVisits and click “follow” under the profile image. You can also link your cell phone to your Twitter account so you receive tweets as text messages. Here's how to [associate your cell phone](#) and your Twitter account. Remember, standard text rates may apply. *Mobile.twitter.com –* If you have a mobile web browser, go to mobile.twitter.com, then navigate to WADOCVisits and click “follow.” *Third Party Applications –* These allow you to follow Twitter on devices such as iPads. If you don't have or don't want a Twitter account – *Fast Follow with your personal cell phone –* If you have a text-capable cell phone, you can use this option. Standard text message rates may apply.

*Text: **follow WADOCVisits** to 40404. You will receive the message: Welcome to Twitter!*

You're now following @WADOCVisits and you'll receive their tweets on your phone.

(Std msg rates apply. Reply with HELP for more.) You will then receive Tweets on your cell phone

whenever DOC sends a message. Visit www.doc.wa.gov/facilities/prison - You can see the latest

*Tweets on the web page. **How often will I receive tweets?** We will send tweets when visitation is*

cancelled or visit rooms are closed for events and when a prison hosts a family event. It's

hard to say with certainty if this is daily or weekly as it will depend on what activity is happening

*within the Department. **How do I sign up?** Visit www.twitter.com, click on “sign up” and*

follow the instructions. Once you have created an account, search for WADOCVisits and click

“follow.” You can choose to be notified via email when DOC posts an update.