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RE: Open records request (Log 20-046 received 3/13/2020)

Dear Mr. Lipton,

This letter is in response to your March 13, 2020 open records request that was received by the Department of Corrections on that same date. You requested the following:

"Pursuant to the Kentucky Open Records Act, I hereby request the following records:

Any and all directives, orders, plans, and communications issued to officials and managerial staff within facilities under the jurisdiction of this agency, as well as those provided to individuals under the supervision of this agency, regarding preparatory or responsive measures and requirements related to COVID-19, also known as coronavirus.

Please include as responsive any relevant plans and directives issued regarding inmate health, behavior, and participation in preparatory and defensive activities, including those conducted by the correctional industry program."

We are complying with your request. However, we will need additional time to comply with your request. KRS 197.025(7), 61.872(5). Based on our initial review, these records contain sensitive information such as preliminary drafts and security-related information that may require redaction. We will have a response to you no later than April 3, 2020.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by filing a complaint with the Office of the Attorney General, Open Records/Open Meetings, The Capitol, 700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 118, Frankfort, KY 40601, pursuant to KRS 61.880(2), or by filing an original action in Franklin Circuit Court under KRS 61.882. If you first appeal to the Attorney General but are dissatisfied



with the Attorney General's decision, you may further appeal to Circuit Court pursuant to KRS 61.880(5).

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Katherine Williams

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Open Records Coordinator