

# Nebraska Board of Parole COVID-19 (coronavirus) Update: Modified Procedures

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Pursuant to the State of Emergency declared by the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Nebraska, and also in light of the indefinite suspension of visitation at and within the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, please be advised of the following modified parole hearing procedures:

1. Parole hearings will continue to take place without the physical presence of the public. All parole hearings are recorded and can be requested pursuant to the public records statutes.
2. Individuals are encouraged to provide written testimony when possible. The most efficient and timely way to do this is by submitting testimony through the Board of Parole's website at <https://parole.nebraska.gov/contact>. You may also submit written testimony via regular mail.
3. Public participation in parole hearings will take place via teleconference. If an individual wishes to give oral testimony or wishes to remotely observe the proceedings, please follow these steps:
  - a. Contact the Parole Board at 402-479-5754 no later than 5:00 pm the day before the applicable hearing and provide the following information:
    - i. Inmate Name
    - ii. Inmate Number
    - iii. Date of Hearing
    - iv. Location of Hearing
    - v. Call-back number to be contacted at the time of hearing
  - b. At the time of the hearing, you will be contacted by the Board to testify. The Board will only place one call to each call-back number it has been provided for a given hearing. You will be asked to swear or affirm that your testimony will be truthful.
  - c. No requests to be called will be accepted on the day of the scheduled hearing.
4. If a parole client has plans to be picked up by family or friends upon release, please wait for the parole client to be in contact to make arrangements for a time to be picked up.
5. Parole clients subject to electronic monitoring will be outfitted with required equipment prior to release.
6. Upon release, parole clients should be in contact with their assigned parole officer within 24 hours for further reporting and supervision instructions.