



# COUNTY OF MERRIMACK

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Linda M. Hodgdon  
Director of Administration  
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Ms. Hodgdon:

Then Merrimack County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with RSA 30-B:12, were scheduled to conduct a semi-annual inspection of the Merrimack County Department of Corrections and the Edna McKenna Community Corrections Center. However, due to the COVID pandemic the inspection was not conducted.

In an effort to maintain the safety of those incarcerated and out of an abundance of caution this inspection was postponed. The decision to postpone the inspection was made in response to the Governor's Emergency Order #29 which states, in part, that "strict compliance with some statutes and rules may actually increase the likelihood of adverse public health impacts". In an effort to reduce the chance of an adverse health impact the Board of Commissioners elected to conduct the inspection at a later date.

As soon as appropriate, the Board of Commissioners will conduct an inspection in accordance with RSA 30-B:12.

Sincerely,

Tara Reardon  
Chair