

Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5120:1-10-06 Communication.

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(A) (Important) There shall be no limitation on the amount of incoming or outgoing mail or correspondence via the postal service when the inmate is responsible for the cost of postage.

(B) (Important) Legal mail or correspondence shall be opened and inspected in the presence of the inmate to intercept contraband. All other incoming and outgoing inmate mail, correspondence and packages shall be opened and inspected to intercept contraband or non-permitted items. The jail shall document procedures for the appropriate disposition of intercepted items.

(C) Mail, correspondence and packages shall only be withheld, read or rejected based on legitimate jail interests of order and security and approved by the jail administrator or designee in writing. The inmate shall be notified if mail is withheld or rejected.

(D) (Important) If the jail offers email services to inmates, the incoming and outgoing emails shall be subject to review for security reasons.

- (E) (Important) Indigent inmates shall receive writing materials, envelopes and postage for two letters per week.
- (F) (Important) Inmates shall have access to legal counsel including telephone contact, written communication and confidential visits.
- (G) (Important) Inmates shall have access to inmate telephone services.