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MEMORANDUM

To: Inmate Population

From: A. David Robinson 
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Subject: Wearing of Inmate Hat and Head Covering

The following change will affect Operating Procedure 841.3, Attachment 3, *Approved Religious Items* and 802.1, *Offender Personal Property*.

Effective December 1, 2020, inmate hat and head covering (state issued or religious) shall be worn in the following manner at all VADOC facilities:

- Inmate may wear religious and state issued head coverings anywhere inside the facility
- Inmate must remove head coverings for search purposes when requested by security personnel
- Inmate may not wear head coverings, state issued or religious, in industrial work assignments as it poses a safety hazard
- Inmate may not wear any head coverings (state issued or religious) on external transportation
- Inmate must wear state issued head coverings to outside work assignments
- No head coverings will cover the face
- Maximum size for Hijab is 48" x 48". May receive a donated Hijab from MCSVA or may order it through Keefe
- If the inmate refuses to comply with orders to remove headgear for search purposes, they are subject to being charged under 861.1