

Average Inmate Day While Incarcerated

(Applies once an inmate is assigned to a facility after being processed in a reception and evaluation center)

Included in the Department of Corrections' (SCDC) May 24, 2019 letter to the House Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC). This information was provided in response to following question in LOC's May 16, 2019 letter to the Department of Corrections: "5. Please update the graphics of the average inmate day at each security level (e.g., Level I; Level II/III; and Restrictive Housing Unit (RHU)) to indicate the following information, as long as this information does not create a security risk: (a) When the inmate is locked in their cell versus outside their cell; (b) Which events require a guard escort (e.g., escort to academic class or programming, escort to medical services); (c) Other events which occur regularly, but may not occur every day (e.g., meeting with inmate classification worker); and (d) Situations in which RHU applies (e.g., single inmate lock up, dorm/wing/facility lock down)."

SCDC provided the following response:

- Level II and III-Restrictive Housing Unit – to provide for the management of inmates requiring more intense behavioral levels of supervision and monitoring in separated area (violent/assaultive/disruptive/escape behaviors)
 - Generally, out of their cell 1 hour per day
 - Escorted at all times in restraints
 - Normally single celled
 - Other events that occur – mental health groups, QMHP visits, visitation, haircuts, recreation, showers, caseworker, review boards, medical visit
 - Restrictive Housing assignment is per policy OP 22.38
- Structured Living Unit - to provide for the management of inmates whose behavior indicates a need for a more structured living environment than provided in General Population, but do not require placement in a Restrictive Housing Unit
 - Generally, out of their cell 2.5 hours per day
 - Escorted any time the inmate exits the unit
 - Double celled
 - Other events that occur – mental health groups, QMHP visits, visitation, haircuts, recreation, showers, caseworker, review boards
 - Not considered a Restrictive Housing Unit per ACA Standards or DOJ Guidelines
- Transition Unit – to provide for the management of general population inmates that are behaviorally compliant and awaiting assignment to education, vocational, work, or program.
 - Generally, out of their cell 4 - 6 hours per day
 - Generally, not escorted. Moves during controlled movement. Events requiring escort would be disciplinary or behavior based.
 - Double celled
 - Other events that occur – sick call, mental health groups, QMHP visits, programs, groups, religious services, visitation, haircuts, recreation, showers, caseworker, review boards
 - N/A
- General Population Units – to provide for the management of other general population inmates that are disciplinary free, assigned to Character program, education program, vocational program, or assigned a job
 - Generally, out of their cell 8 - 12 hours per day
 - Generally, not escorted. Moves during controlled movements. Events requiring escort would be disciplinary or behavior based.
 - Double celled (some dorm style housing)

- Other events that occur – sick call, mental health groups, QMHP visits, programs, groups, religious services, visitation, haircuts, recreation, showers, caseworker, review boards
- N/A

Level I

- General Population Units – to provide for the management of minimum custody general population inmates that are disciplinary free, assigned to education program, vocational program, or assigned a job
 - Generally, movement in assigned unit at all times.
 - Generally, not escorted. Moves freely in the unit at all times and outside of the unit during controlled movements. Labor crew always escorted during work. Work Program unescorted (paid civilian jobs)
 - Typically, open bay/dorm
 - N/A
 - N/A

Timeline of an Inmate Day- Level I Institutions³

Level 1 (Minimum) – Level 1A - For non-violent inmates within 36 months of release. Housing is mainly open areas with bunk beds (no partitions or cubicles). Perimeters are unfenced. These units are work and program oriented, providing intensive specialized programs that prepare the inmates for release to the community. Level 1B - For inmates with relatively short sentences or time to serve. Housing is mainly cubicles with two bunk beds/cubicle. Perimeters are unfenced. Operational procedures at Level 1-B facilities impart a higher level of security compared to level 1-A facilities.

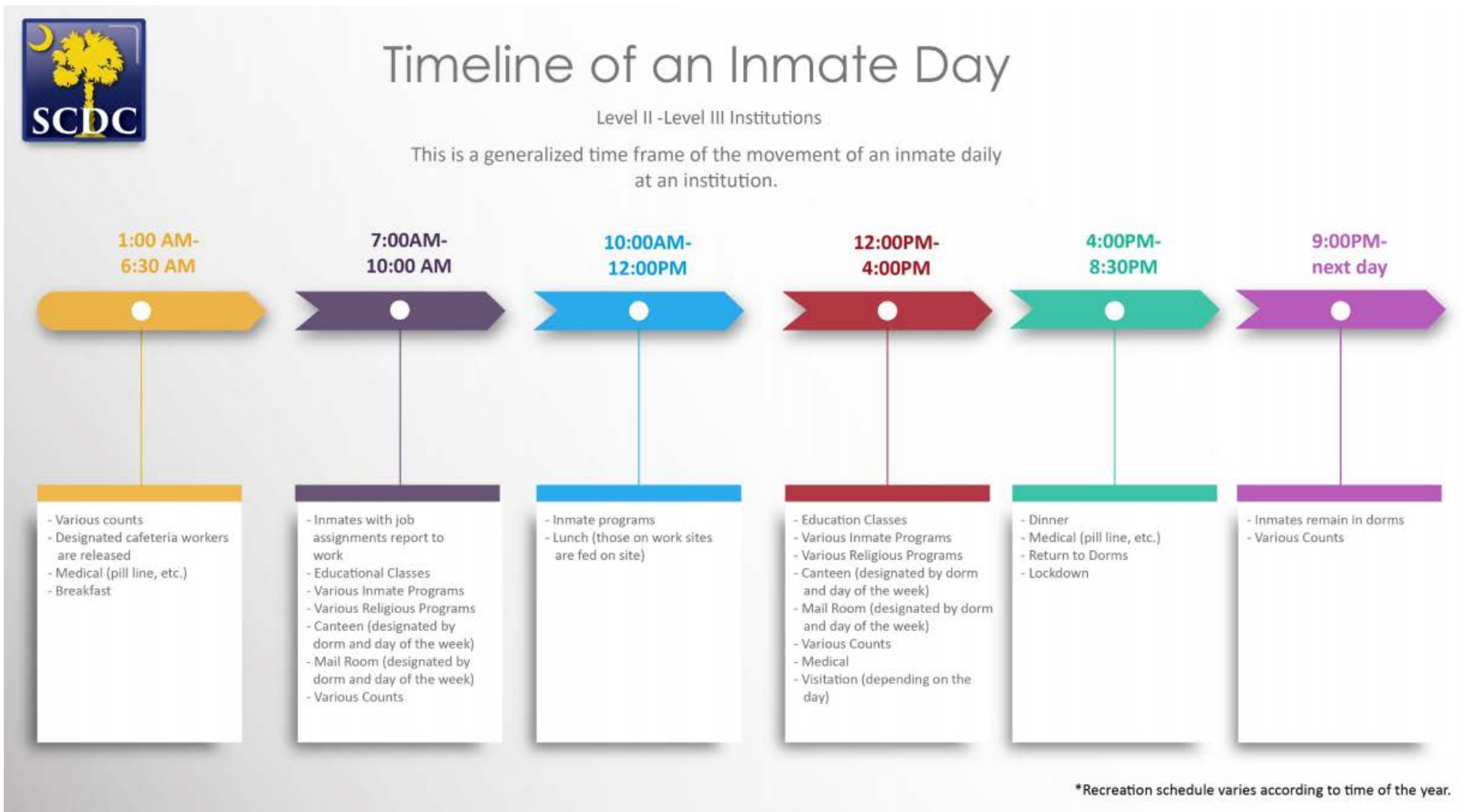


³ S.C. House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, “Agency Presentation – Overview, History, Inmate Timelines (February 21, 2019),” under “Committee Postings and Reports,” under “House Legislative Oversight Committee,” under “Corrections, Department of,” and under “Meetings,” [https://scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/Corrections/SCDC%20Presentation%20\(History,%20overview,%20prisoner%20timelines\).pdf](https://scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/Corrections/SCDC%20Presentation%20(History,%20overview,%20prisoner%20timelines).pdf) (accessed October 4, 2019). Hereinafter “Overview Presentation.”

Timeline of an Inmate Day- Level II & III Institutions⁴

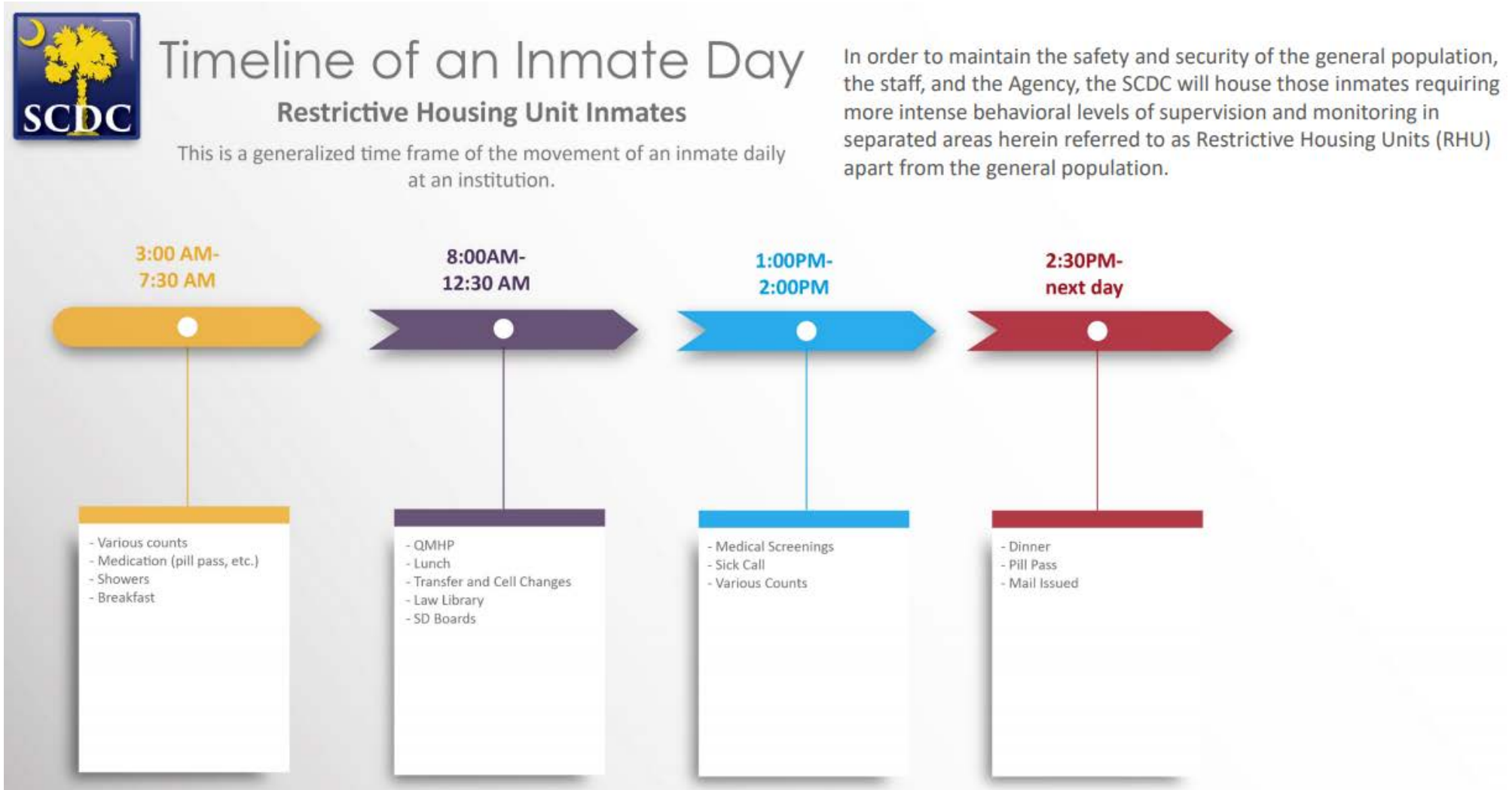
Level 2 (Medium) - Housing is primarily double bunk, cell type with some institutions having double-bunk cubicles. Perimeters are single fenced with electronic surveillance. Level 2 institutions provide a higher level of security than level 1 facilities.

Level 3 (Max) - For violent offenders with longer sentences, and inmates who exhibit behavioral problems. Housing is single and double cells. Perimeters are double-fenced with extensive electronic surveillance. Inmates are closely supervised with their activities and movement highly restricted



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Timeline of an Inmate Day- Restrictive Housing Units⁵



⁵ S.C. House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, “Agency Presentation – Overview, History, Inmate Timelines (February 21, 2019),” under “Committee Postings and Reports,” under “House Legislative Oversight Committee,” under “Corrections, Department of,” and under “Meetings,” [https://scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/Corrections/SCDC%20Presentation%20\(History,%20overview,%20prisoner%20timelines\).pdf](https://scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/Corrections/SCDC%20Presentation%20(History,%20overview,%20prisoner%20timelines).pdf) (accessed October 4, 2019). Hereinafter “Overview Presentation.”