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### **Department monitoring inmates participating in hunger strike**

On Friday morning, 42 inmates housed in the Uinta Facility at the Utah State Prison refused their breakfast meals and notified staff they are beginning a hunger strike. The inmates are housed in maximum security and are all documented gang members.

The inmates have given the Department a list of demands that includes relocation of gang leaders from the maximum-security unit where they are now housed.

In response to the hunger strike, the Department is offering each participating inmate the opportunity to be evaluated by medical personnel for baseline weight and other vital statistics to enable their health to be monitored while they refuse to eat. Once completed, medical checks will be made again on Monday.

The Department also has inventoried food items in each participating inmate's cell to document potential nutritional intake.

The Department will continue to offer the inmates meals as regularly scheduled. It also will work to ensure routine operation of the facility is not interrupted.

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