

Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

Laura Kelly, Governor

To: Juvenile and Adult Facility Residents and Family Members
From: Jeff Zmuda, Secretary
Date: September 23, 2020
Re: Coronavirus Updates

Following up on the topic of what public health officials are referring to as a “Twindemic” we received word last week on our shipment of the flu vaccine. Flu shot clinics for seasonal influenza should begin on or about October 12, 2020 and will be provided free of charge for all residents and employees. The vaccine is provided by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and shots will be given by Centurion our medical provider within each facility. Residents please stay tuned for specifics from the team at your facility over the next few weeks.

I would like to also take this opportunity to encourage everyone to participate by accepting a flu shot. The more of us who get our flu shot, in facilities and in the community, the better our odds in society of reducing the impact of seasonal influenza this season. Family members can access more information, including a “Vaccine Finder” to help you locate resources for the flu shot, at this link from KDHE <https://www.kdheks.gov/flu/>

With the change of seasons this week, across the nation and world, we are entering the next phase of the coronavirus pandemic in which many experts forecast a fall surge ([families you may find this article informative](#)) . In our facilities over the last several weeks, we see new positives each week, while most of those who previously tested positive remains healthy and later test negative. But we continue to have the virus circulating among us. We understand that quarantine and isolation, with the requisite testing, week after week is trying for residents and staff. And that some of you have been tested as many as 6-8 times, a process that certainly is not much fun as it requires a swab to be inserted deep into the nasal cavity. This virus is challenging everyone, so I ask again that we all do our very best to be patient with one another, wear our masks and wear them correctly, and continue working together to flatten the curve.

Below is the most up-to-date information on the total number of positive cases we have had since the beginning of the pandemic:

Facility	Current Staff Cases	Current Resident Cases	Cumulative Staff Cases	Cumulative Resident Cases
El Dorado	2	127	18	369
Ellsworth	0	12	4	16

Hutchinson	1	63	30	456
Lansing*	1	26	99	876
Larned*	4	74	35	274
Norton	1	2	2	5
Topeka*	1	0	12	11
Winfield	1	4	18	22
Wichita Work Release	0	0	9	58
KJCC	1	0	5	3

At time report compiled, updated staff numbers not yet received for the week from Lansing, Larned, Hutch, El Dorado, Topeka and reflect numbers from 9/16/20