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Confirmed COVID-19 case at Winfield Correctional Facility

TOPEKA, Kansas – Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) Secretary Jeff Zmuda announced today that one resident at the Winfield Correctional Facility (WCF) has tested positive for COVID-19.

The residents at WCF is a male over the age of 20. In order to protect his identity, no other information will be released. Mandatory mask protocol for staff was implemented on July 7 for both staff and residents.

The KDOC has been in consultation with officials from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) on next steps to address these circumstances. As a result of that consultation with KDHE, the following steps were implemented:

- The man and three additional men, who were roommates of the resident who tested positive, were moved to the Lansing Correctional Facility (LCF) COVID-19 unit as per department protocol
- Contact tracing will occur to identify what staff and residents have been in direct contact with the individual
- A small group of residents are isolating at WCF as a precaution
- Additional testing will take place as we continue to work to control the spread and KDOC will remain diligent in monitoring other staff and residents for symptoms

“The health and safety of our staff and residents is one of our top priorities,” Zmuda said. “As with the other positive cases that have been identified in the past several weeks at other facilities, we are moving quickly to mitigate the risks.”

The Winfield Correctional Facility opened in 1984 on the site of what was then the Winfield State Hospital and Training Center. With a capacity of 554, the facility serves only minimum-custody, adult males.

For current information on COVID-19 in Kansas, and to sign up for updates, go to the KDHE COVID-19 Resource Center at kdhe.ks.gov/coronavirus. For information on the KDOC’s response to COVID-19, visit <https://www.doc.ks.gov/kdoc-coronavirus-updates>.

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