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To: Juvenile and Adult Facility Residents and Family Members

From: Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

Date: July 24, 2020

Re: Coronavirus Updates

I wanted to take a moment today to send this supplemental update for the week.

Today we confirmed for the first time positive, asymptomatic residents at the El Dorado (EDCF) and Hutchinson (HCF) Correctional Facilities. These resident cases originate from contract tracing and testing done this week in response to the positive cases among our staff. We have five positive cases at EDCF and one at HCF out of over 550 test results that we have received. These men, and their roommates who tested negative, have or will be moved to the Lansing Correctional Facility (LCF) COVID isolation unit. The new, modern facility at LCF is better equipped to control the virus. Those men, plus the one positive that was identified at the Norton Correctional Facility's East Unit (Stockton) will all be housed together in the isolation unit.

This scale of testing and the less than 1% positive test rate are good signs that protocols in place are helping to protect our staff and residents from more becoming infected. These results remind us all that wearing masks, washing hands regularly, social distancing and limiting our travel/activities in the community are some of the best tools to reducing further spread of the coronavirus. As cases in communities continue to rise, we know and are encouraging our staff to remain diligent in their efforts both at work, and at home, to ensure we minimize the chances of them introducing the virus while at work.