

Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

Laura Kelly, Governor

To: Juvenile and Adult Facility Residents and Family Members

From: Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

Date: June 16, 2020

Re: Coronavirus Updates

In the Governor's press conference yesterday, she and KDHE Secretary Lee Norman referenced a county map that outlines daily case rate trends. The good news is that many Kansas counties have either plateaued or, better yet, are trending downward. There are 13 counties though that are still seeing upward trends including Reno, Sedgwick and Butler counties, all of which have a KDOC presence.

Many of you are anxious to being in-person visitation again and I want to reiterate to you that we have a work group of wardens and other staff who have been developing a plan for reopening this service. We have heard from several of you about rumors that in-person visitation will not resume until 2021. I want to reassure you that is not our intention, though currently our plans aren't far enough along to be able to give you an exact date. While the details are still being firmed up, it is safe to say that it will not resume exactly as it was prior to the pandemic. Your patience and cooperation as we resume this service will be integral to helping us keep our staff and residents – and you – safe. As you begin to prepare to visit your loved ones, please do your part to adhere to social distancing guidelines and other known health practices so that we can keep everyone safe when you arrive.

Below is the most up-to-date information on the total number of positive cases we have had since the beginning of the pandemic. As a reminder, these numbers will only be updated once per week on Mondays.

#### Staff

- 96 LCF staff positive
  - 2 LCF staff deaths
- 4 TCF staff positive
- 1 KJCC staff positive
- 1 NCF staff positive (reassigned to LCF)
- 1 EDCF staff positive
- 2 ECF staff positive
- 8 WWRF staff positive
- 2 WCF staff (reassigned to LCF)
- 68 staff have recovered and returned to work

Resident Isolation (those who have tested positive for COVID-19)

- 835 LCF residents positive (828 recovered)
  - 4 LCF resident deaths
- 57 WWRP residents positive (57 recovered)
- 2 TCF residents positive (both have recovered)

We are continuing to work closely with KDHE as we look back over the past few months and look to the future and a possible second wave of the virus. As we've stated from the beginning, social distancing in a prison setting is very difficult. Dormitory-style living units contributes to that difficulty and currently houses 3,000 of our residents. We are currently working to identify and implement operational changes over the summer to reduce this risk and will update you with what that will look like when we know more.