

Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

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To: Juvenile and Adult Facility Residents and Family Members

From: Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

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Re: Coronavirus Updates

There are many exciting things taking place in our facilities across the state. Two more groups of men at Winfield Correctional Facility (WCF) recently completed the substance abuse program. More men at the Norton Correctional Facility (NCF) completed the Thinking for a Change program. Colby Community College recently held a virtual Spring commencement ceremony where they also included NCF staff and residents. At Ellsworth Correctional Facility (ECF) the welding instructor through Barton County Community College has been working with students seven days a week to ensure that they are able to complete the program on time. Residents at Topeka Correctional Facility (TCF) and Hutchinson Correctional Facility (HCF) made and sent thousands of masks to state agencies and county jails. We are proud of how hard you are each working to make a difference and make positive changes in your lives. Keep it up!

Results from the initial round of testing of staff and contractors last Thursday at LCF are in, and they are encouraging. Of the 179 staff and contractors that were tested last Thursday, only 4 percent came back positive. This was a mix of uniform, non-uniform, KCI and contract staff. This week, we should have all remaining LCF staff tested and the results in by the first part of next week. I will share those results with you when they become available.

Below is the most current information regarding positive COVID-19 cases, those quarantined and those who have returned to work and general population. These numbers reflect totals accumulated over time.

#### Staff

- 88 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
- 7 WWRF staff positive
- 47 staff in isolation (at home) and being monitored for symptoms
- 50 staff have recovered and returned to work

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

- 761 LCF residents positive (645 asymptomatic)
  - 4 LCF resident deaths
- 47 WWRF residents positive (34 asymptomatic)
- 2 TCF residents positive (both have recovered)
- 21 residents positive in isolation and being monitored
  - 4 residents are in the hospital being monitored
- 96 residents have recovered and returned to general population