

Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

Laura Kelly, Governor

To: Family Members

From: Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

Date: May 1, 2020

Re: Coronavirus Updates

Last night, the Governor announced her plan for reopening the state. You can view the full plan here: <https://covid.ks.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Reopen-Kansas-Framework-v4.pdf>.

Under this plan, at the earliest, it would be in the third phase, after June 1, 2020, before we can consider reinstatement of visitation. And depending upon the number of positive cases we experience in our facilities and any future increases to testing, please know that we may not be ready to reinstate visitation that early. Our experience at Lansing was that our first positive case was about one month after the first confirmed cases in the Kansas City metro area, so our reopening may need to be slower than other public activities.

We know how difficult this is on you and your loved ones and will keep you updated as we get closer to a decision on visitation. In the meantime, I would like to again encourage you to keep up your support of your family member through your regular letters and phone calls. We all need the support of each other during these times.

Also, each phase is dependent upon reaching certain milestones in COVID-19 testing rates, hospitalizations, ability to conduct contact tracing and availability of personal protective equipment. The state is also advising that in addition to the state-wide plan, local counties can also issue stricter guidance so please be paying attention to what the rules are in your county. We will need to continue our efforts toward social distancing, cleanliness and good hygiene practices for any of this to be successful.

The below current information regarding positive COVID-19 cases reflects a large increase due to the testing of all the men who had been in the Primewood open dormitory unit. From those tests we saw 164 positive, asymptomatic cases which have been added to the total below. These numbers reflect totals accumulated over time.

Staff

- 86 LCF staff positive
- 3 TCF staff positive
- 1 KJCC staff positive
- 1 NCF staff positive (reassigned to LCF)
- 71 staff in isolation (at home) and being monitored for symptoms
- 21 staff have recovered and returned to work

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

- 250 LCF residents positive (164 asymptomatic)
- 3 WWRF residents positive

- 2 TCF residents positive
- 37 residents positive in isolation and being monitored
 - 5 of the 37 residents are in the hospital being monitored
- 52 residents have recovered and returned to general population
- 2 LCF resident death

Resident Quarantine (those who have been in contact with a positive case, but have no symptoms)

- 116 residents in quarantine and being monitored for symptoms
- 45 residents cleared quarantine and returned to general population

In the numbers above you will see that one Norton Correctional Facility (NCF) staff member tested positive. This staff member had been temporarily reassigned to LCF since the beginning of April and has not worked any shifts at NCF since then. No other NCF staff or residents are being tested at this time.

The month of May is typically a very busy month with school ending, graduations taking place and Mother's Day. Life will continue to look a little different this month and perhaps even longer. We look forward to the day that we can safely welcome you back into our facilities to see your loved ones face to face.