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To: Juvenile and Adult Facility Residents and Family Members

From: Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

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Re: Coronavirus Updates

After a water main break recently occurred in front of one of the Norton Correctional Facility (NCF) living units and left gallons and gallons of water bubbling up out of the ground, members of our maintenance department teamed up with a resident-led work crew to work into the wee hours of the night and all throughout the following day to dig down to the line and pump out the water as quickly as possible. They demonstrated tremendous teamwork to get the line repaired and re-pressurized, restoring water to the unit.

When the leak was first discovered, members of the work crew acted swiftly and began digging down to the line by hand until the backhoe was able to get in. Once the proper fittings and new pipe were in place, the line was re-pressurized and the crew worked to fill the hole the following day. Chuck Husted, Safety and Health Specialist for NCF, said, "It's an awesome feeling to know we can always count on our maintenance department and work crews to team up and work well together to get things quickly back to working order."

We want to extend our many thanks to this group of men, and all of our residents for the great work they do individually, and as part of a team, to have a positive impact on our facilities.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment recently released a list of all COVID-19 cluster sites in Kansas. Currently there are four KDOC facilities listed: EDCF, HCF, LCMHF and WCF. In response to the increased number of cases, EDCF and HCF recently added on-site COVID-19 Medical Units similar to the Lansing Correctional Facility, increasing our capacity to provide this specific type of care. As the numbers decline, we are hopeful that we may be able to suspend operation of one or both of those units. If so, Lansing will remain the primary site for COVID-19 positive male residents who would transfer to LCF based on the number of positive cases and/or their need to be closer to a larger hospital. Those sites could also be reopened later in the pandemic if numbers were to increase and make that necessary.

Each facility is in a different stage of testing and retesting. An individual resident may be retested multiple times depending on how frequently a positive case is identified in that resident's living unit. When a positive case is identified, that may extend the quarantine period for that living unit. While there is little interaction within a living unit, there are still chances for the virus to spread so that precaution is necessary.

Below is the most up-to-date information on the total number of positive cases we have had since the beginning of the pandemic:

Active Staff Cases (A staff update was not available at publication time. Families can check our website later this week for an update.)

- 2 EDCF staff positive (18 cumulative)
- 1 ECF staff positive (4 cumulative)
- 29 HCF staff positive (52 cumulative)
- 1 LCF staff positive (98 cumulative)
 - 2 LCF staff deaths
- 9 LCMHF staff positive (32 cumulative)
- 0 NCF staff positive (1 cumulative)
- 0 TCF staff positive (10 cumulative)
 - 1 TCF staff death
- 0 WCF staff positive (2 cumulative)
- 0 WWRF staff positive (9 cumulative)
- 4 KJCC staff positive (7 cumulative)

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

- 236 EDCF residents positive (252 cumulative)
- 0 ECF residents positive (5 cumulative)
- 13 HCF residents positive (346 cumulative)
- 2 LCF residents positive (852 cumulative)
 - 4 LCF resident deaths
- 4 LCMHF residents positive (202 cumulative)
- 0 NCF residents positive (3 cumulative)
- 0 TCF residents positive (11 cumulative)
- 1 WCF residents positive (19 cumulative)
- 0 WWRF residents positive (58 cumulative)
- 0 KJCC residents positive (2 cumulative)