

Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

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To: Juvenile and Adult Facility Residents

From: Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

Date: April 15, 2020

Re: Coronavirus Updates

On Sunday, some disruptive acts by a group of our residents at Ellsworth Correctional Facility (ECF) resulted in a lockdown of Building 2. We were all thankful that the situation resolved itself quickly with no injuries and minimal damage. The situation lasted less than two hours but did involve around 125 of our residents. Both Lansing Correctional Facility (LCF) and ECF Building 2 continue to be on lockdown. The status of the lockdown will be reviewed daily and lifted as soon as it is safe to do so.

We have received a few more positive COVID-19 tests in the last day, here is the latest update on the overall totals in facilities:

- LCF Staff: 24
- LCF Residents: 20
- WWRF Residents: 1 (housed at LCF)

We have also had three of our residents make a full recovery after their positive diagnosis and return to general population. For that we are so thankful!

The last piece of information I want to update you on today is that we have requested assistance from the Kansas National Guard to provide medical support at LCF. They arrived on-site yesterday, and we are very thankful to have the extra hands available. The Guardsmen will only be providing medical support, not serving as correctional officers or in a security capacity. They will remain with us until the pandemic begins to settle. This will have a positive impact, ensuring we have enough hands on deck to care for those who are ill, monitor those who are in isolation and to care for the additional residents LCF gained from WWRF and are in quarantine.

You are valued and important. One day you will be our neighbors, teachers, auto mechanics, carpenters, health care professionals, journalists, law makers and more. We want to see you be successful. Our staff are working tirelessly to ensure your health and safety. You are not forgotten.