

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

This week holds special meaning for two groups within the Kansas Department of Corrections. First, it is National Crime Victims' Rights Week, a time to recognize and celebrate the advancements that have been made to support victims of crime across the nation. Our very own Office of Victim Services team is a phenomenal group, and last year 93% of crime victims indicated that they were treated with respect by our team. A total of 68 residents went through and graduated from Victim Impact Classes. Those residents who have graduated and continue to volunteer with the program donated 332 hours last year! Speaking of, it is also National Volunteer Week. Although our regular volunteers can't be with us right now due to the virus, I want to recognize this group and the many contributions they make to those they serve. We couldn't do what we do without both our Victim Services Team and our volunteers!

Here 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.

- 62 LCF staff positive
- 1 TCF staff positive
- 58 staff in quarantine and being monitored for symptoms
- 5 staff have recovered and returned to work
- 50 LCF residents positive
- 1 WWRF resident positive (residing at LCF)
- 1 TCF resident positive
- 126 residents in quarantine and being monitored for symptoms
- 27 residents (positive) in quarantine and being monitored
- 20 residents have recovered and returned to general population

Yesterday in the Governor's press conference, Secretary Norman from Kansas Department of Health and Environment stated that he thought Kansas was right about at the peak of cases where folks have tested positive for the virus. That is really good news for Kansans. For our agency, I would caution us that although the number of positive cases in the community may be hitting an apex, our first reported cases were identified weeks after the first reported cases in the state. As such, our peak for the number of active cases may still be a few weeks away. We commit to remaining diligent in our efforts to ensure that we limit the introduction and/or spread of the virus at all our work units.