

Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

Laura Kelly, Governor

To: Juvenile and Adult Facility Residents and Family Members

From: Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

Date: April 24, 2020

Re: Coronavirus Updates

These past few weeks have been a time of learning new things and stretching far outside of our comfort zones. One group that I want to mention and thank is the group staffing our KDOC COVID-19 Hotline and those at each of our work locations who field your calls and questions all day every day. It is often a thankless job, but we feel it is so important to ensure that you all are armed with the information you need. Remember that you can call the hotline at (785) 746-7640 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday. You can also e-mail kdoc_covid19@ks.gov.

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.

Here are our latest stats on positive COVID-19 cases:

Staff

- 66 LCF staff positive
- 1 TCF staff positive
- 59 staff in isolation (at home) and being monitored for symptoms
- 8 staff have recovered and returned to work

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

- 57 LCF residents positive (includes 1 WWRF residing at LCF)
- 1 TCF resident positive
- 32 residents positive in isolation and being monitored
 - 6 of the 32 residents are in hospital being monitored
- 26 residents have recovered and returned to general population

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

- 126 residents in quarantine and being monitored for symptoms
- 36 residents cleared quarantine and returned to general population

In our response to the COVID-19 virus in our facilities and at home, we are using the terms “quarantine” and “isolation” frequently these days. They are not interchangeable terms and it is important that we all understand the differences between the two. More detailed information regarding the differences between these two terms is available at

https://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus/toolkit/Isolation_and_Quarantine_Guidance_and_FAQ.pdf

Many of you have seen talk of early release in the news. Just this week, the Governor stated in her daily press conference that she was within a few days of announcing more information. Right now, there are no firm plans or specific criteria that we can share other than we know that she was looking at residents already close to their scheduled release dates with a viable release plan and without any

additional detainees or pending legal action. She cautioned in her press conference that it would not be a large number of people. We also believe that it will be a very structured, uniform plan and residents will not be considered on a case by case basis. As soon as we have more definite information, we will share it through these channels and with the specific residents that qualify.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding during this challenging and uncertain time.