

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

On social media, we share some of the great work that is taking place within our facilities and throughout the agency. Today, we shared a story out of the Norton Correctional Facility. Earlier this month, they had 20 men in one class graduate from the Greenbush GED program. That is a huge accomplishment and one that I am certain they worked very hard to achieve. This also marks a special milestone as it was the largest number of men to graduate in one testing session! It takes courage and bravery to strive for self-improvement and I want to join everyone in recognizing their great work and thanking the staff at both NCF and Greenbush for supporting these men as they take action to change their lives.

Yesterday, we identified a positive COVID-19 case in one of the Wichita Work Release Facility (WWRF) residents who had remained at WWRF and was not part of the group that spent time quarantined at Lansing. This individual was moved to the infirmary at Lansing and all other WWRF men will quarantine in place at WWRF. They will not return to work in the community at least before the quarantine period is complete.

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.

Staff

- 75 LCF staff positive
- 1 TCF staff positive
- 57 staff in isolation (at home) and being monitored for symptoms
- 15 staff have recovered and returned to work

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

- 73 LCF residents positive
- 2 WWRF residents positive
- 2 TCF residents positive
- 32 residents positive in isolation and being monitored
 - 5 of the 32 residents are in the hospital being monitored
- 42 residents have recovered and returned to general population
- 1 LCF resident death

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

- 117 residents in quarantine and being monitored for symptoms
- 41 residents cleared quarantine and returned to general population

For family members, please write your loved ones and encourage them to wear their masks, clean their living areas, maintain social distancing whenever possible, wash hands frequently and shower at every opportunity. For our residents, please follow that guidance. Your family members love and care for you. We all want you to remain healthy and safe. Thank you for your patience during this challenging time.