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To: Juvenile and Adult Facility Residents and Family Members

From: Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

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Re: Coronavirus Updates

For the past two months we've been talking about the uptick in COVID-19 cases within our communities. As we were seeing the numbers rise throughout the state, we knew that the chances of the virus entering more of our prisons was growing. Over the past several weeks, we've seen positive cases within our resident population occur at Hutchinson, Ellsworth, Stockton, El Dorado and Topeka. As most of our medical investigations at those facilities have now closed, and many of our positive residents begin to leave Lansing and return to their assigned facilities, I wanted to provide some reflection on our progress.

In March when our first positive COVID-19 cases presented at Lansing, we had more than 10,000 people in our custody. State and local health officials were only testing people who presented with symptoms and there was little information about asymptomatic cases. Fast forward to today and the state has a more aggressive testing strategy and our work to quarantine and isolate those who test positive as well as those who have been potentially exposed has advanced, reducing the chances of an outbreak. Due to slower activity in the court system, today we are housing just under 9,000 people which is providing more opportunity for social distancing.

With the above changes and our ability to isolate our positive cases at the newly reconstructed Lansing facility, we're seeing much greater success in our ability to slow the spread. Back in April, our positive cases spiraled and in a matter of weeks we had hundreds of positive cases. Over the past few weeks, we've run more than 1,200 tests and only 17 of our residents have tested positive and all of those have been asymptomatic.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment remains a tremendous resource for KDOC as mitigation efforts continue. We continue to streamline processes and build efficiencies into our protocols and strategies. We are not out of the woods, there is still plenty of work to be done. Wear your mask, wash your hands and socially distance yourself from others when you can.

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

- 2 LCF staff positive (96 cumulative)
 - 2 LCF staff deaths
- 0 TCF staff positive (10 cumulative)

- 1 TCF staff death
- 0 KJCC staff positive (3 cumulative)
- 0 NCF staff positive (1 cumulative)
- 9 EDCF staff positive (9 cumulative)
- 1 ECF staff positive (4 cumulative)
- 0 WWRF staff positive (9 cumulative)
- 0 WCF staff positive (2 cumulative)
- 2 HCF staff positive (2 cumulative)
- 124 staff have recovered and returned to work

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

- 0 LCF residents positive (850 cumulative)
 - 4 LCF resident deaths
- 0 WWRF residents positive (58 cumulative)
- 0 TCF residents positive (3 cumulative)
- 1 NCF resident positive (2 cumulative)
- 3 HCF resident positive (3 cumulative)
- 3 EDCF residents positive (10 cumulative)
- 2 ECF residents positive (2 cumulative)