

Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

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To: Juvenile and Adult Facility Residents and Family Members

From: Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

Date: June 12, 2020

Re: Coronavirus Updates

Our apologies for not getting a message out to you earlier this week. We will continue to aim for a new message each Tuesday and Friday.

I want to give you a few COVID-19 updates as we wrap up this week. We mentioned a couple of weeks ago that we would be moving around 100 men from Oswego to El Dorado Correctional Facility (EDCF). That move was completed, and those men are now housed at EDCF in closer proximity to a hospital that could better meet potential COVID-related health needs.

Our number of positive cases is continuing to trend downward, in fact, the COVID unit at Lansing Correctional Facility (LCF) was completely cleared on June 11 with no one identified as being either symptomatic or asymptomatic. Below is the most up-to-date information on the total number of positive cases we have had since the beginning of the pandemic:

Staff

- 96 LCF staff positive
 - 2 LCF staff deaths
- 4 TCF staff positive
- 1 KJCC staff positive
- 1 NCF staff positive (reassigned to LCF)
- 1 EDCF staff positive
- 2 ECF staff positive
- 8 WWRF staff positive
- 2 WCF staff (reassigned to LCF)
- 68 staff have recovered and returned to work

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

- 830 LCF residents positive (826 recovered)
 - 4 LCF resident deaths
- 57 WWRF residents positive (57 recovered)
- 2 TCF residents positive (both have recovered)
- 0 residents in the COVID unit!

I read a story earlier this week on Bloomberg.com that outlined a rise in cases in Texas, Arizona, Florida and California. Researchers are studying those areas closely to be able to draw solid conclusions as to why there has been an increase, but my takeaway from the article was simple. We need to stay vigilant in our efforts, to slow the spread of this virus and remain prepared for a second wave. We should be washing our hands and cleaning our workstations and cellhouses frequently. Masks should be worn when social distancing isn't possible. If you are not feeling well, report your symptoms immediately so that the medical team can follow up. Let's continue to take this seriously to ensure the safety of all.