

Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

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To: Family Members

From: Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

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Re: Coronavirus Updates

It was no small task but testing of the vast majority of the population at Lansing Correctional Facility (LCF) is completed. The results of those tests have been trickling in slowly, and there are some re-tests, refusal to test etc. still out there, but results of testing of about 1,600 residents at LCF have been gathered. Of the roughly 1,600 tests that were conducted, a total of about 750 residents tested positive, or about 47 percent of the population tested. It is interesting to note that about 645 of those who tested positive are not showing symptoms (asymptomatic), although they may possibly display symptoms at a later date. We will continue to diligently monitor all our residents to ensure they receive the care that they need and deserve.

For the most current information regarding positive COVID-19 cases and those who have returned to work and general population, visit <https://www.doc.ks.gov/kdoc-coronavirus-updates/kdoc-covid-19-status>. These numbers reflect totals accumulated over time and when updated this afternoon, will reflect all of the LCF results. The website is updated Monday-Friday, by 5 p.m.

We are approaching the beginning stages of lifting the facility-wide quarantine at LCF. Due to being in a new facility, we will take a far more measured approach to lifting the quarantine than we normally would. We will begin reimplementing normal functions of the facility very slowly beginning with residents having increased time out of their cells and allowing a handful of men to resume their jobs within the facility. This will include some of our food service workers and porters.

As I mentioned earlier this week, we have also begun the process of testing all Wichita Work Release Facility (WWRF) residents and staff. As we've begun to get results back from this testing, it was determined that while many are asymptomatic, we're seeing a similar percentage of positive cases to LCF. Due to this, we have made the difficult decision to suspend operations at WWRF indefinitely, moving all of the residents to LCF. The men will be placed into quarantine or isolation, depending on their tests results. The staff at WWRF have been in contact with employers to try and continue that relationship. While we can't guarantee that the men will still have their jobs when they are able to return, just as the staff did when they originally arrived at WWRF, they will work with each man to find a new job or resume their prior job.

Thank you for your patience during this unprecedented time. We know that these changes can be difficult for your loved ones, but difficult for you also. Please know that we have everyone's health and safety at the forefront as we are making these decisions alongside KDHE.