

Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

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To: Juvenile and Adult Facility Residents and Family Members

From: Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

Date: May 18, 2020

Re: Coronavirus Updates

This week, we will begin to see even more of our residents at Lansing Correctional Facility (LCF) come off their quarantine or isolation period and return to general population. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment does not recommend that we retest individuals before they are considered recovered from the virus. The current recommendation is that an individual must be isolated or quarantined for a minimum of 10 days prior to returning to work and/or general population AND they must be at least 72 hours fever free without the use of fever-reducing medication AND they must have a significant improvement in any other symptoms. In accordance with both Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and KDHE guidelines, this is a safe practice.

Today we also reported the fourth resident death at LCF. Some of you reading this may have been friends or family members of that gentleman, or the other three who passed away. We extend our deepest sympathies to you in this loss. Each of these men were someone's son, father, spouse, brother or friend. The significance of these deaths, or those of our officers, are not lost on us. We are working hard, and will continue, to lessen the impacts this virus has on all of us.

Below 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

- 88 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
- 7 WWRF staff positive
- 47 staff in isolation (at home) and being monitored for symptoms
- 50 staff have recovered and returned to work

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

- 761 LCF residents positive (645 asymptomatic)

- 4 LCF resident deaths
- 47 WWRF residents positive (34 asymptomatic)
- 2 TCF residents positive (both have recovered)
- 20 residents positive in isolation and being monitored
 - 4 residents are in the hospital being monitored
- 96 residents have recovered and returned to general population

We are cautiously optimistic that we have not seen the virus spread throughout our other facilities just yet. I say cautiously optimistic though as we have seen firsthand the number of people who can be infected with the virus yet have no symptoms. My guidance to everyone is to wear your mask at and to encourage others to do the same. Your mask protects them, and their mask protects you. Maintain social distancing of at least six feet whenever and wherever possible. Ensure you are washing your hands and cleaning your area as frequently as possible. It can make all the difference.