

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

I mentioned last week that we would begin resuming some normal functions at our Lansing facility. We continue that work this week, but I want to remind you all again that this will be a slow and measured process.

Last week we saw many of the positive COVID-19 population move to the recovered category. With that, we started returning some of our resident workers to their jobs including some porters, food service and laundry workers. Later in the week, we began to return some of our on-site industry workers to their jobs. One of the next steps that we will begin this week is to return a small number of our private industry workers to their jobs. We have been in communication with these employers to ensure that they are maintaining KDHE and CDC guidelines for their workers and these men will be subject to the screening that all of our staff receive when they arrive for work each day.

Masks are still going to be an important part of safely resuming normal functions of our facilities as will regular cleaning of all surfaces along with increased cleaning of dayrooms and other high traffic areas.

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

- 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
- 7 WWRF staff positive
- 50 staff have recovered and returned to work

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

- 814 LCF residents positive

- 4 LCF resident deaths
- 49 WWRF residents positive (all have recovered)
- 2 TCF residents positive (both have recovered)
- 7 residents positive in isolation and being monitored
  - 2 residents are in the hospital being monitored
- 852 residents have recovered and returned to general population

I know that many people may be anxious about returning some of these normal functions of our facilities. We still are working closely with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. They have a full-time staff member working with us and advising us in all aspects of our response to this pandemic. One of the most important elements to this plan will be your cooperation and family members encouraging their loved ones in the following areas: mask wearing, social distancing when you are able, hand washing, sanitizing your living areas and patience.

For those in our other facilities. Continue your efforts and follow the guidance of your unit team. Disease containment in our other facilities is going well and I know that your efforts play a large part in that work.