

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

These last couple of months have been hard. Hard for us as correctional staff, but I know it has been hard for you as well. For our family members, you have been away from your loved one during one of the toughest health crises that you have seen our country face. For our residents, you've had little control over your environment at a time when one's environment is so important to their health and wellbeing. Today, we have only seven residents who are symptomatic with COVID-19 and only nine who are asymptomatic. This is great news in what has seemed like an uphill battle against this pandemic.

We have heard from several of you that you have appreciated the updates we have been sending. This week, I received a letter from one of our residents and I wanted to share just a portion of it with you:

"I just wanted (to) write to say thank you for all that you've done to keep us safe from COVID-19. It's definitely more than a challenge dealing with the unknown. I've been saddened by the loss of staff and inmates to the virus. Without the immediate action by KDOC it could have been much worse. Although you may not receive many positive letters I just wanted you to know that I appreciate what you're doing to ensure my welfare. Stay safe."

This letter could have been addressed to each one of you. You have all made sacrifices and special efforts to keep each other safe and to keep our facilities clean. I appreciate seeing you wear your masks and I know so many of you are working hard to clean your living areas and our residents who have been working in jobs throughout the facilities have been helping to ensure that we are not further spreading the virus through food service, cleanliness of the facilities and our laundry services. Thank you. Keep up the great work and we will continue to see the number of active cases getting smaller and smaller.

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)

- 818 LCF residents positive
 - 4 LCF resident deaths
- 49 WWRF residents positive (48 recovered, 1 asymptomatic)
- 2 TCF residents positive (both have recovered)
- 7 residents positive and symptomatic in isolation and being monitored
 - 1 resident in the hospital being monitored
- 849 residents have recovered and returned to general population

You, our residents, are important to us. You are defined by more than just your KDOC number and your background. You are spouses, parents, children, siblings and friends to so many. You are putting in the hard work now through programming and self-discovery to ensure that you will return to your community as a success story. I'm proud of you for your continued commitment to that work during this challenging time in our nation's history. You will be better for it.