

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

Not only is this week National Correctional Officers and Employees Week, today is National Nurses Day. This day falls on May 6 every year and is the first day of National Nurses Week, which culminates on May 12, Florence Nightingale's birthday. Today we are celebrating our nurses as they work hard to provide care for our residents. I'm sure many of you are health care workers, even nurses, and I want to extend my thanks to you and all you are doing right now out in the community to care for those during this pandemic. Your work is valuable and essential to helping us get through this time. Thank you.

The below current information regarding positive COVID-19 cases reflects a large increase due to the increased testing that has begun. As you can see in this data, the largest portion of the positive cases are persons who are asymptomatic. These numbers reflect totals accumulated over time.

Staff

- 88 LCF staff positive
- 3 TCF staff positive
- 1 KJCC staff positive
- 1 NCF staff positive (reassigned to LCF)
- 1 EDCF staff positive
- 1 ECF staff positive
- 1 WWRF staff positive
- 73 staff in isolation (at home) and being monitored for symptoms
- 23 staff have recovered and returned to work

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

- 609 LCF residents positive
- 3 WWRF residents positive
- 2 TCF residents positive
- 1 HCF resident positive (housed at LCF)
- 32 residents positive in isolation and being monitored
- 5 residents are in the hospital being monitored
- 60 residents have recovered and returned to general population
- 3 LCF resident deaths

Resident Quarantine (those who have been in contact with a positive case, but have no symptoms)

- 261 residents in quarantine and being monitored for symptoms
- 60 residents cleared quarantine and returned to general population

We had a Wichita Work Release Facility staff member test positive this afternoon. KDHE will conduct the contact tracing and identify if there are any additional staff or residents who need to be tested or quarantined. As with some of the other announcements earlier this week at El Dorado, Ellsworth and Hutchinson, we believe that KDHE's quick work to contain the virus and test those who may have been in close contact to determine if they were positive or negative will make all the difference in ensuring that we keep positive cases at these facilities to a minimum. We are thankful for their partnership. Please know that we continue to follow their guidance. They have a staff person working full time with us and he is involved in all of the decisions that we make.