

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

Many of you do not have loved ones currently at Lansing Correctional Facility (LCF) and are anxious to hear more about what is happening at the other facilities. We continue to screen our staff and contract staff every day when they arrive to work. Our screening tool includes a number of questions and a temperature reading. If staff are presenting with any of the symptoms consistent with COVID-19, they are given a mask and told to go home and check in with their doctor.

We have distributed cloth masks to all staff and residents. We are strongly encouraging the use of masks and they are required when they will be in close contact for a prolonged period of time and when they are interacting with residents who may be ill or suspected of being ill. In a prison setting, social distancing is difficult, but we are encouraging our residents to wear their masks when they cannot create distance between themselves and others.

Out in the community, and within our prisons, the goal is to flatten the curve. When a positive case is identified, we are working swiftly with KDHE to determine what other staff or residents may have been in close contact. We are testing those people and thankfully we are seeing containment of the virus as those tests are currently coming back negative.

The deputy director of facilities management is holding daily briefings with all wardens to ensure that everyone has the most up-to-date information about what is taking place throughout the agency. Our wardens are keenly aware of what is taking place at LCF and are developing individualized plans for their facilities. Each plan will look slightly different depending on infrastructure, staffing, cases of the virus, etc.

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
- 4 TCF staff positive
- 1 KJCC staff positive
- 1 NCF staff positive (reassigned to LCF)
- 1 EDCF staff positive
- 1 ECF staff positive
- 1 WWRP staff positive
- 49 staff in isolation (at home) and being monitored for symptoms
- 48 staff have recovered and returned to work

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

- 673 LCF residents positive (581 asymptomatic)
- 3 WWRF residents positive
- 2 TCF residents positive
- 31 residents positive in isolation and being monitored
- 4 residents are in the hospital being monitored
- 63 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)

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

A correction: a resident previously housed at LCF was moved to HCF and placed in a negative pressure holding area there where he soon after tested positive for the virus. A few days back that positive case began being reported here as being positive at HCF. For the purposes of tracking, KDHE recommends reporting the positive test result from the location where the individual was exposed and contracted the virus. In this case, the resident resided at LCF when the exposure occurred. Going forward, we will include that case in the LCF numbers.

As always, we want to make sure you are all kept well informed about what is taking place. We know this is an extremely difficult time to be away from your loved ones and we want to do what we can to help ease that burden. Additional information can be found on our website at:

<https://www.doc.ks.gov/kdoc-coronavirus-updates>.