

Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

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To: Family Members

From: Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

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Re: Coronavirus Updates

***An earlier version of this message went out with an incorrect number of positive staff cases at KJCC. The correct number is listed below as one staff member.*

Many Lansing Correctional Facility residents are still awaiting their test results from our facility-wide testing earlier this week. We have prepared letters for each resident with their test results and will be hand delivering them beginning later today and throughout the weekend. We encourage family members to seek the results of these tests directly from your loved one. With the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), we are limited on what information we can share with family and friends. Under normal circumstances, and even at the beginning of this pandemic, our medical staff members were able to make personal phone calls to the primary emergency contact of each resident who tested positive. With the facility-wide testing, and the number of positive cases, we have had to change our approach so that our staff can spend their time focusing on providing care. Please know that if symptoms of your loved one escalate and additional care is needed, our staff will be in touch with the emergency contact person to inform them of those changes.

Below is the most current information regarding positive COVID-19 cases, those quarantined and those who have returned to work and general population. Beginning next week, we will not be sharing these in each day's communication. We report a majority of this information on our website at <https://www.doc.ks.gov/kdoc-coronavirus-updates/kdoc-covid-19-status>. That site is updated Monday-Friday by 5 p.m. and we will encourage you to keep up to date on our numbers there. The numbers below reflect totals accumulated over time.

Staff

- 88 LCF staff positive
- 4 TCF staff positive
- 1 KJCC staff positive
- 1 EDCF staff positive
- 1 NCF staff positive (reassigned to LCF)
- 1 ECF staff positive
- 1 WWRF staff positive
- 51 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)

- 690 LCF residents positive (598 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.

Many of you are wondering what work has been done toward early release. Under K.S.A. 21-6609, we have the authority to release someone to home-based supervision, or house arrest. We began by looking at people who were within six weeks of their scheduled release dates and around 500 people were identified. As per the guidelines outlined in the statute and some additional criteria that we put into place, we identified 15 adults and 16 juveniles who were placed on house arrest over the last week. As of right now, we have no plans to continue this program. Should that change, we will identify any others who may qualify and begin the process with them. This program is just one aspect of our overall response to addressing COVID-19 in the prison system.