

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

Last week, I mentioned the upcoming “Twindemic” which refers to the current COVID-19 pandemic and the impending flu season. As noted in other messages, KDOC will make the flu vaccine available to all staff and residents in late October or early November. Please consider getting the flu shot this year and families please encourage your loved ones to receive it.

There has been a notable increase in positive cases at El Dorado Correctional Facility (EDCF). Beginning this past weekend, we began seeing some issues in food service at EDCF with the loss of workers. Those issues are being addressed and should be resolved by the end of the week. Please be a support to each other and look for the positives during this challenging time. When you’re in the fog, they may be hard to see but they are there.

One positive is that with the number of positive cases at Hutchinson Correctional Facility (HCF) continuing to decline, we will be closing their on-site COVID Medical Unit. This is a positive development showing that compliance with KDOC policies has paid off and now the medical investigation is closer to closing. Positive cases from HCF will now resume care at Lansing Correctional Facility (LCF).

We have had a few additional cases pop up at other facilities, one at Ellsworth Correctional Facility (ECF) utilizing the new Abbott testing system that KDHE put in place in several of our facilities. This rapid-testing system will help us identify cases much quicker, better controlling the spread of the virus. The facilities that have this capability are EDCF, ECF, HCF, LCMHF, NCF and WCF. LCF, TCF and KJCC do not as they have closer access to state lab facilities. When a positive case is identified through the rapid testing, they will be retested with a typical test to ensure accuracy.

Below is the most up-to-date information on the total number of positive cases we have had since the beginning of the pandemic:

Active Staff Cases (A staff update was not available at publication time. Families can check our website later this week for an update.)

- 2 EDCF staff positive (18 cumulative)
- 0 ECF staff positive (4 cumulative)
- 1 HCF staff positive (30 cumulative)
- 1 LCF staff positive (98 cumulative)
 - 2 LCF staff deaths

- 4 LCMHF staff positive (35 cumulative)
- 0 NCF staff positive (1 cumulative)
- 1 TCF staff positive (10 cumulative)
 - 1 TCF staff death
- 2 WCF staff positive (8 cumulative)
- 0 WWRF staff positive (9 cumulative)
- 0 KJCC staff positive (4 cumulative)

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

- 288 EDCF residents positive (357 cumulative)
- 1 ECF residents positive (5 cumulative)
- 56 HCF residents positive (399 cumulative)
- 14 LCF residents positive (864 cumulative)
 - 4 LCF resident deaths
- 21 LCMHF residents positive (220 cumulative)
- 0 NCF residents positive (3 cumulative)
- 0 TCF residents positive (11 cumulative)
- 3 WCF residents positive (22 cumulative)
- 0 WWRF residents positive (58 cumulative)
- 0 KJCC residents positive (3 cumulative)