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To: Juvenile and Adult Facility Residents and Family Members

From: Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

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Re: Coronavirus Updates

A couple of weeks ago, there was a house fire here in Topeka. One of our men on parole happened to be across the street at the time. He heard the cries of a mother outside the house and came running. When he got to her, she told him that her baby was inside, on the upper floor. Without hesitation, he and another neighbor worked together to get to the top floor to search for the baby. Emergency crews arrived shortly thereafter and with their help, the baby was saved. The man was humble in acknowledging his efforts and wanted no recognition. We share this so that everyone can see that those we serve may have made mistakes in their past, but many of them just want a second chance to make a difference in this world.

We still have active staff and resident cases at El Dorado, Hutchinson, Larned, Topeka, Winfield and KJCC. Thankfully, most of these cases remain asymptomatic, but we know that it is still possible for them to spread the virus to others. Precautions are still in place that include quarantine of living units, testing and retesting. With new admissions, we treat them all as though they are presumed positive so that we do not unnecessarily spread the virus to those already in the facility.

How long the quarantine period lasts will vary with each case. If no other residents are identified as positive, it could be as short as 14 days. If through retesting, more residents are identified as positive, the quarantine period will extend. All residents will have access to JPay during their quarantine time, but it will be limited. Video visits may continue, and our staff will do their best to accommodate the times that the video visits are scheduled. For our residents, if you see that you are out of cleaning supplies or hand soap in your living unit, please alert your Unit Team and they will restock. If you need a replacement mask, your Unit Team can assist with this, also.

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

- 2 EDCF staff positive (18 cumulative)
- 1 ECF staff positive (4 cumulative)
- 29 HCF staff positive (52 cumulative)
- 1 LCF staff positive (98 cumulative)
  - 2 LCF staff deaths
- 9 LCMHF staff positive (32 cumulative)
- 0 NCF staff positive (1 cumulative)

- 0 TCF staff positive (10 cumulative)
  - 1 TCF staff death
- 0 WCF staff positive (2 cumulative)
- 0 WWRF staff positive (9 cumulative)
- 4 KJCC staff positive (7 cumulative)

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

- 65 EDCF residents positive (81 cumulative)
- 1 ECF residents positive (5 cumulative)
- 170 HCF residents positive (345 cumulative)
- 0 LCF residents positive (850 cumulative)
  - 4 LCF resident deaths
- 53 LCMHF residents positive (199 cumulative)
- 0 NCF residents positive (3 cumulative)
- 4 TCF residents positive (11 cumulative)
- 2 WCF residents positive (19 cumulative)
- 0 WWRF residents positive (58 cumulative)
- 2 KJCC resident positive (2 cumulative)