

Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

Laura Kelly, Governor

To: Family Members  
From: Jeff Zmuda, Secretary  
Date: April 1, 2020  
Re: Coronavirus Updates

Many of you have heard that yesterday, we received confirmation and announced that three staff members at Lansing Correctional Facility (LCF) have tested positive for COVID-19.

We worked closely with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and Corizon staff to identify the residents who may have come in contact with these workers. Those residents were moved into medical isolation and are being monitored for symptoms consistent with the virus. Consistent with KDHE guidelines, as none of those residents currently have symptoms, none have been officially tested for the virus. We are working to make phones available to those residents who have been isolated so that they can call and let you know how they are feeling. As of today, we have no known positive cases of the virus among our resident population at any of our facilities.

Given the nature of this virus and how rapidly it has spread worldwide, it is not unexpected that someone would become infected. We have been working with KDHE for weeks to prepare for this and are administering those plans now. The health and safety of our staff and residents remains a top priority. When you are talking with your loved one, please encourage them to alert a staff member if they have a fever, cough or shortness of breath. The primary visit fee of \$2 has been waived for residents presenting with COVID-19 symptoms.

We are committed to sustaining normal operations within our facilities. As the virus continues to impact more and more people, in time, our ability to continue all these services may also be impacted. There have been many rumors circulating of a lockdown at our facilities. Maintaining a normal daily routine for our facilities is a high priority for us as we work to avoid, or at least delay, the possibility of a lockdown. We are working to utilize our resources, both personnel and supplies, effectively to ensure they can last as long as possible.

Earlier today I visited LCF to visit with residents and see first-hand how our plans are being administered. As this virus changes, we will continue our consultation with KDHE and change our plans, as necessary, to meet new guidelines that they issue.

We want you to know that we care for your loved ones and will do everything we can to keep them safe and healthy while they are in our care. We thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work to answer your questions. You can now find more information about COVID-19 as it relates to KDOC on our website, [doc.ks.gov](http://doc.ks.gov). Click on the banner that says "KDOC Response to COVID-

19” and it will take you to another page with FAQs, current number of positive cases, visitation information and more.