

Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

Laura Kelly, Governor

To: Juvenile and Adult Facility Residents

From: Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

Date: April 1, 2020

Re: Coronavirus Updates

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. 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 you, our residents, remains a top priority. We encourage you to alert a staff member if you feel like you 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.

I know many of you are growing anxious so 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 you and will do everything we can to keep you safe and healthy while you are in our care. We thank you for your patience and cooperation as we all work to implement KDHE's guidelines and recommendations to help control the spread of germs. We understand how difficult this time is for everyone. By working together, and each doing our own self-care, we can minimize the further spread of the virus.