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Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

Laura Kelly, Governor

To: Juvenile and Adult Facility Residents and Family Members

From: Jeff Zmuda, Secretary

Date: January 13, 2021

Re: Coronavirus Updates

Our partners and colleagues with Centurion have lost another staff member. I would like to express our condolences to the family of Duane Denton. Mr. Denton was a member of our medical staff at Hutchinson Correctional Facility (HCF). He passed away January 8th. In addition to the professional and compassionate medical care Mr. Denton provided for our residents, he was a positive, caring and inspiring member of the HCF team. This is a sad loss for our entire KDOC community.

Last week, Governor Kelly released an updated plan for access to COVID-19 vaccines, including five phases for public access. There are still many variables, such as how much vaccine is received by the state in each shipment and allotment. As of right now, KDOC staff and residents are included in Phase 2 as part of "congregate settings." Please see the graphic at the end of this message for more information. We have no firm dates to share at this time, but will continue to keep you updated.

While this moves us closer to a normalized environment in our facilities, we have a long journey ahead of us. All mitigation protocols will continue to be followed for the foreseeable future. This means we will continue to wear masks, socially distance whenever and wherever possible, wash your hands frequently and avoid large groups or gatherings.

Please take time to review public health information about the vaccines. This will help you reach a decision you are comfortable with when the vaccine is offered to you. You can monitor our state's progress on both COVID-19 response and the availability of vaccines by going to <https://www.kansasvaccine.gov/>. This website also includes common questions, facts and information on vaccine safety. Please also monitor developments through the Governor's weekly media conference every Wednesday at 4 p.m. As a reminder, all resident and staff COVID-19 positive cases are posted twice a week on our website, Mondays and Thursdays by 5 p.m. at <https://www.doc.ks.gov/kdoc-coronavirus-updates/kdoc-covid-19-status>.

We are making solid progress on KDOC's new strategic plan, Pathway for Success. The Systems Management Team met virtually last week to put the finishing touches on the implementation process. More information coming soon!

In her State of the State address last night, Governor Laura Kelly outlined six key priorities for this legislative session: (1) Strong Education; (2) Broadband Expansion; (3) Rural Prosperity; (4) Fiscal Responsibility; (5) COVID-19 Recovery; and (6) Public Service before Politics. We look forward to working with the Governor and members of the Kansas Legislature to accomplish great things for Kansas in 2021.

Thank you, and stay safe.

## Kansas Vaccination Phases | By Population

