



TO: ALL CONCERNED

DATE: December 30 2020

RE: Town Hall Q & A

Deputy Jones presented the Town Hall on this date.

Review of recent DOC statistics:

- Current active positive inmates across the state: 1,430
- Total positive inmates since March: 5,024
- Vaccinations – our Nursing staff is considered 1A; inmates and other staff are considered 1B. We do not know the exact timeline for when these vaccinations will take place and as soon as we do, we will get that information out to everyone.
- The goal is to get 70% compliance between inmates and staff with the vaccinations. This is supposed to make things better and will create a “herd immunity” at each facility.

Questions/Concerns:

1. Movies cut off/run time.

I spoke with Activities regarding this issue. There was new equipment installed and the timing, and other issues should be corrected now. If there are still issues please let Activities, myself or the Superintendent know.

2. PINS, phone call limit change.

The phones will continue to run the phones the way they are now without having the wait-time between phone calls. Beginning 1/4/21, as was put out earlier, we are supposed to return to 16-man Cohorts. When that happens, we will look at changing the time back to what it was prior.

3. Transfers.

We have not received any information as to when transfers will resume. The Office of Population Management (OPM) are in charge of these.

4. Library books and what is being provided by the Librarian.

Ms. Nyberg is our only Librarian at this time. She cannot fill every specific request. She brings what she can. Hopefully when we return back to 16-person Cohorts we can start adding the Library back in by Cohort.

5. Gaming systems for the new Rec Room.

I spoke to CCPM Kusiak about this. At this time there are no gaming systems but there is weight lifting equipment, TVs and tables so individuals can sit and play cards. We are looking at putting vending machines in there.

6. Staff from East Side coming to the West Side.

We mitigate that type of movement as much as possible, there are times that this does occur.

7. Tablets and TVs.

There will be information posted on the inmate channel and on your Units about this. Right now, there is a shortage of Tablets and they are not able to be purchased. We have had no updates as to when TVs will be available for sale. As soon as they are available, we will get that information out to you.

8. Speed of inmate emails.

There was information out there that it was the institution that was slowing down the delivery of the emails. That is not correct. I spoke with our IT staff. It is the amount of emails that are coming into the facility and the system itself that slows down the delivery time. We cannot control this. As soon as the emails get here they are being put out to you.

I would like to thank you all for continuing to wear your masks. We are still sitting in a good posture compared to other institutions in the Department. We have had no new positive inmate cases. Please continue to wear your masks. Mask compliance will continue to be enforced. If you are coming out of your cell, you need to have your mask on. This seems to be the biggest thing with mitigating the spread of the Coronavirus along with cleaning, sanitizing and washing your hands.

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