



TO: ALL CONCERNED

DATE: February 10, 2021

RE: Town Hall Q & A

Review of the stats at the facility currently:

We have currently 172 recovered staff and 309 recovered inmates, with 2 total related deaths.

The number of staff we have out related to COVID is greatly reduced from last month.

Regarding vaccines; there are 3 facilities currently receiving vaccines and they are prepared to begin administering. I am not certain when ours will arrive here, but we are ready to go. It is imperative that everyone eligible considers getting the vaccine. I just received my second shot.

Some of the issues that were brought up during the week are as follows:

1. Multiple inmate channel issues.

These are either corrected or are going to be corrected through vendors. Unfortunately, some of these are outside of our control as we cannot address locally, but they will be corrected.

2. Are you going to tell me who I got COVID from?

This is impossible. Despite doing contact tracing, we have no idea, and when I say "We" that is everyone in society who actually gave us COVID if we end up with it. One of the primary reasons we do contact tracing is to prevent the spread of the virus. If we know that someone is positive we look at everyone that they may have been in contact with and quarantine them to ensure that they do not also develop symptoms.

3. Why are you celling Dietary Workers together?

I have explained that moves such as this are temporary so that we can manage this pandemic. If worker groups like this are celled together then it hopefully will prevent the entire Pod from being quarantined. I hope that everyone can understand that.

4. How long is free cable going on and is there any other free things happening?

Free cable is through the end of March. I know of no other expansion of free items such as phone calls, emails, etc. IGWF has taken a huge hit this year with all the extras that have been done, and therefore I am unsure of what else will be "free" for the end of this year.

5. Why isn't our Commissary delivered on time?

There is a myriad of issues as to why. Inmate workers quarantined, staff out, etc. My position here is to ensure that anything we tell you that you should get, we try to make it happen. At times it is just impossible given resources.

6. When are we getting the candy from the ANIVO fundraiser?

I am told that it should be here in the next few weeks. The process to order is cumbersome and unfortunately takes far too long. We are looking at some other ways to do fundraisers that could be quicker.

7. These quarantines are confusing, are we in some kind of experiment and like guinea pigs?

Frankly, the entire country feels like that at times. We have been told that we must wear masks and that we must separate from each other in line at the grocery stores, but ultimately, we are following the direction of the Medical experts in regards to this pandemic. I ask you to trust that ultimately, we are focused on life. We do not want to see staff or inmates perish because of this virus and will do everything we can to prevent it.

We are attempting to get some other services up and running such as Library for those inmates in 8-person Cohorts. Once I receive approval from Central Office we will move to bigger Cohorts, but we are not there yet.

Thanks for the support and positive comments from several inmates here.

Superintendent Clark 

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