

TO: ALL CONCERNED

DATE: Wednesday, April 21st, 2021

RE: Town Hall Q & A

As I told some inmates that were adamantly asking for the air conditioning to be turned on, we need to wait. Perfect evidence is the three inches of snow we got this morning. You can't count Winter out in this part of the state until mid-May.

Questions/concerns:

1. A lot of questions about vaccines in the last week.

We have not yet got indication from Central Office if we are continuing with the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, and if so when. The approval will first come from the Federal Government and then typically the states will follow suit. The facility will be updated when we hear confirmation.

2. Questions regarding the vaccine cards once you are vaccinated.

They will be maintained in the Inmate Accounts area until you are released and/or transferred. They will come out with any other personal items you have in that area.

3. Will there be restrictions based upon who is vaccinated and who is not?

As I have said, I have not heard any specific direction on this. Just as what will be the requirements of in-person visiting when it begins at some point, we do not know that answer but clearly everyone is in a better position for this to occur if they are vaccinated.

4. Can I work now that I am vaccinated?

We are trying to get more and more inmates out to work, but I must remind everyone that you are not fully protected by the vaccine until 28 days after receiving it.

5. When will the \$25.00 for being vaccinated go into my account?

I spoke to Inmate Accounts yesterday and they will begin placing this money into accounts immediately. We had hoped to wait until all the vaccinations were offered, but given the pause, we decided to begin placing this money. Please be patient. There are over 1300 inmates that already need to receive this.

6. Can you do a sale for flatware to use with our meals?

Unfortunately, not at this time. This heavier plasticware has, over the last several years, been used as weapons and therefore we limit it coming inside the facility.

7. Any updates on the video game pilot?

I spoke to the Superintendent at the facility of the pilot and it has been slow going. No news anytime soon. We are reviewing the SEGA hand-helds that we were sending around the Units prior to COVID and with appropriate protocols, will reinstate this locally.

8. Can we take a pop from the Yard now that it is being sold?

Yes, 1 unopened can of soda may be brought back to the Housing Unit.

9. When will our Cohorts be increasing?

Very soon. We did get approval to increase Cohorts size and are developing our Plan of Action once we have reviewed with our staff.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.



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