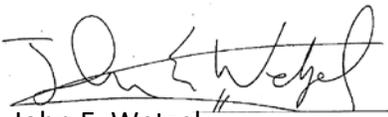




**TO:** All Inmates

**FROM:**   
John E. Wetzel  
Secretary of Corrections

**DATE:** January 21, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Cohort Sizes

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Since December 10, 2020, the Department has been limiting movement to 8 man cohorts. We are confident that this measure helped us to reduce exposure to you during the time, and allowed our institutions to manage any positive cases we received.

Beginning today, facilities may begin to slowly increase cohort sizes. I must reinforce that this increase will be closely monitored and measured. Facilities will increase at different times, and in differing amounts depending on their local infection rates, and the results of sewage testing.

As we move towards this increase, I ask that you continue to work with your unit team on any concerns, and facility leadership will continue to keep you informed of all changes that may occur. I can't guarantee that we will not see a reduction to 8 man cohorts again; however, we will make those determinations with the safety and security of our staff and inmate population in mind.

As stated previously, all additional services outlined in our December 10<sup>th</sup> memo will continue unchanged.

Thank you for your continued patience during this time.