

Fireside Chat

1-15-21

Good afternoon,

We understand that many of you look to these Fireside Chats for information as it relates to the COVID-19 virus and SCI-Huntingdon moving forward through this pandemic. Sometimes, and most of the time, we just simply do not have concrete information to give you. We do the best we can at providing you with new information as it becomes available. Just like the unknowns and challenges experienced by communities, your friends, and your family, this pandemic has brought about numerous unknowns and challenges to everyday prison life. I believe it would be very difficult to find any human being whose daily life has not changed dramatically since entering the era of COVID-19. Because of the unknowns and variables surrounding this virus, we simply do not know where we will be 1 day from now, 1 week from now, or 1 month from now. This makes it difficult to predict and assume how and when we will move forward as an institution. However; just like we have done all along, we will continue to follow direction from the experts and proceed with an abundance of caution. Health and safety continue to be our #1 goal. Our efforts and protocols at mitigating the spread will continue and we will continue to provide you with updates and new information as we receive it, but please remember sometimes we just do not have new information.

Our Gym Isolation Unit remains open as we have seen an uptick in positive cases. This is not surprising as the Pennsylvania Department of Health predicted that the months of December and January would be the most challenging months yet. The second surge of COVID-19 has made itself known; However, we remain committed to the mission at hand. Our weekly conference calls with Central Office continue as we strategically navigate through this pandemic. Protocols implemented are based on best strategies and practices recommended by the Department of Health. Deep cleaning throughout the institution will continue and medical staff will continue to provide extra care to Enhanced Quarantined groups as well as those in the isolation unit. We continue to operate in 8 man cohorts to achieve decreased exposure. When you are out of your cell, please wear your mask and practice social distancing. Wash your hands often, especially before you eat.

Some encouraging news is that Pennsylvania has begun distributing the COVID-19 vaccine. Hopefully, this will allow us to begin trending in a positive direction in our battle against this virus.

On another note, a big thank you to CA Unit Kitchen Workers for putting out the Holiday Meal and New Years Meal. They are back down there working, so again, thank you for all of your hard work.

Condiment bags will go out on Monday, 01/18/21.

The second round of IRS stimulus checks is upon us. Information will be provided to you regarding the stimulus checks and frequently asked questions concerning these checks. This information should answer many of the questions you may have relating to this second round of checks. Central Office is communicating with the business offices in regards to the receipt and delivery of checks.

To: Inmate Population

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DATE : January 15, 2021

RE: Stimulus Checks

There were 2 different stimulus checks that have been approved for individuals to receive.

- The first check for an individual was for \$1,200.00.
- The second check for an individual was for \$600.00

If and when your check is received, you will be issued a cash receipt. If you do not receive a cash receipt, then the institution has NOT received a check for you.

The Business Office does not have any information as to if or when you will receive either check. You will need to contact the IRS directly.