

Fireside Chat 2-25-22

The purpose of this fireside chat is to give you an update on SCI-Huntingdon's COVID-19 status and provide valuable information pertaining to our PREA audit that will be held on March 7th, 8th, and 9th.

First off, SCI-Huntingdon's COVID numbers have been decreasing over the past couple of weeks. The mitigation efforts that seem to have helped include the deep cleanings conducted throughout the institution by our Maintenance Department, reduction in cohort size, continued employee screenings, the pause on face-to-face visits, a large number of the inmate population being vaccinated, and the diligence of our inmate workers.

Even though we hope we have made it through the most recent surge, it is important to continue wearing your mask when you are outside of your cell, practice social distancing, and wash your hands often. Please continue to utilize the cell cleaning supplies available on your housing unit. Cell cleaning supplies can be requested from a Staff member on the housing unit. As a reminder, please inform the Medical Department or any Staff member if you do not feel well.

As a result of our current COVID status at SCI-Huntingdon, we will be moving back to zones on Monday 2/28/22. Therefore, the following cohorts will be:

- A and E Units
- B and F Units
- CB and D Units
- MODS (HA and HB)
- CA will continue to be their own cohort.

In person visitation will resume. Yard schedules will be adjusted accordingly. Treatment groups and Law Library in the Clinic Area will also resume based on a Zone schedule. The SCI-Huntingdon administrative team would like to thank everyone for their patience and resiliency during these challenging times. We appreciate all of you who have accepted and adjusted to the daily inconveniences brought on by the pandemic.

On March 4th, there will be a special meal served consisting of turkey, green beans, yams, and macaroni and cheese.

AS mentioned our PREA audit will be held on March 7th, 8th, and 9th. Some reminders are as follows:

- Cell curtains can be no higher than the painted stripe on your cell door
- The Abuse Hotline number located next to the phones is NOT for reporting PREA allegations. PREA allegations can be made by reporting it to a Staff member verbally or by using a request slip. You can also report it to the Office of State Inspector General. This address is found on the PREA posters hanging throughout the institution. Again, the abuse hotline number posted by the phones is not a method of reporting a PREA allegation.


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