

Fireside Chat 4-16-21

Welcome to this week's Fireside Chat.

You may have already seen the memo from Secretary Wetzel dated April 13th that was posted on the Inmate Channel. The purpose of this memo is to inform you that out of the 6.8 million Johnson and Johnson vaccines administered throughout the country, 6 women experienced a rare form of blood clotting shortly after receiving the vaccine. This memo also informs the inmate population the Federal Drug Administration has paused the usage of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine for 7 days as the FDA and CDC investigate the situation. Notify medical or a staff member if you are experiencing severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath.

As a reminder, the vaccine will become effective at 28 days. If you have any symptoms associated with it, please let a Staff member know so the Medical Department can address it. Even though the vaccine has been administered, we must continue following the advice from the Department of Health. Please wear your mask, practice social distancing, and wash your hands often. In addition, there is no change to the quarantine process associated with outside trips, parole, and max outs.

Cleaning supplies are available on your housing unit and can be requested from a staff member.

There will be a change to the Altar Rock Jaycee tickets. The orange tickets will be replaced by pink tickets. The orange tickets will be accepted until June 31st.

Cable TV is free through the month of May and the time extension of video visits until 8:00 PM has also been extended through May.

At this time, there is no change to institutional services or cohort sizes.

Thank you and have a good week.

