

## Special Fireside Chat 4-5-21

Welcome to this Special Fireside Chat.

As everyone is well aware, SCI-Huntingdon has been battling the COVID-19 pandemic for the past 12 months. The inconveniences, struggles, frustrations, set-backs, and disappointments endured by staff and inmates during this pandemic have been felt on a daily basis. From isolation units being opened to isolation units being closed, from units operating under somewhat normal conditions to units being placed on enhanced quarantine, from cohort sizes being increased to cohort sizes being decreased, from the statewide reset to mass testing, from deep cleaning efforts to adjusting inmate services and activities.....this has seemed like a never-ending roller coaster ride. The unfortunate reality of this ride is that many of us have lost family, close friends, colleagues, and acquaintances.

On the flip side, this past year has provided us with the opportunity to see the strength and optimism of the human spirit. Patience, acceptance, positive attitudes, determination, and resiliency have prevailed. This institution is where it is because of the strong mindset and incredible mitigating efforts by staff and inmates during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have waited for this day for a long time. It is with great excitement and relief to announce the Johnson & Johnson vaccine has arrived at SCI-Huntingdon. Vaccines will begin to be administered tomorrow and continue throughout the week. A proposed schedule has been put into place for the entire inmate population to be offered the vaccine. The vaccine will be given throughout the week pending we don't have any issues that would slow the process down. The vaccines will be administered by units/zones. With the vaccines arriving early we are going to start with the Mods & RHU then move to A & E Units.

Johnson & Johnson is a 1 shot vaccine with a reaction time of 7 days out. The vaccine becomes effective at 28 days. If you have any symptoms associated with the vaccine please let a Staff member know so the medical department can address it. There will be a \$25.00 incentive offered to those who take the vaccine. The incentive will be posted to your account within a 14-day period.

The majority of you are eager and excited to get the vaccine and we want to celebrate this special week at SCI-Huntingdon with the following food menu on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>:

### Breakfast

Scrambled Eggs  
2-Hash Brown Patties  
100% Juice Carton

### Lunch

Chocolate Milk  
(added)

### Dinner

Prego Sauce with Angus Beef Meal  
Parmesan Cheese Packets