

TO: ALL INMATES
MR Clark
FROM: Michael R. Clark, Superintendent
DATE: January 21, 2021
RE: Cohort Sizes at SCI Albion

I found it necessary to follow up and explain the position here at Albion on Cohort sizes as Secretary Wetzel just put out notice today also.

You will notice he notes that "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."

That being said, I need to explain that Albion along with several other facilities are still in the medium range in terms of our Viral Load Sewage Testing and therefore we will have to remain at the 8-person Cohort number until that drops. Ultimately, that indicates that we still have a significant amount of the virus in the facility and we are at risk to continue this surge of positive cases.

We have positive cases popping up throughout the facility and currently have 3 inmates at the outside hospital and several in the infirmary due to their needs for oxygen.

I have already been in contact with RDS Wingard on this and we are in agreement that as soon as our viral load begins to diminish we will move to increase the Cohorts. In the meantime, we are going to work in some Yard time with the 8-person Cohorts.

Appreciate your patience during this and I will continue to keep you updated as things change at the facility.

MRC/aae

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