

To Inmate Population:

The Department of Corrections Covid-19 Team has decided to conduct mass testing of all identified vulnerable inmates as vetted by the Medical Department here at SCI-Albion. The increase in Covid-19 hospitalizations and Covid-19 positive inmates in general population have necessitated this action. Superintendent Clark detailed the Plan of Action during his Townhall today with Dr. Longnecker. This mass testing will begin tomorrow morning, Thursday 3/4/21 at 0800hrs.

With the added help of the DOC Covid Strike Team, medical personnel will uniformly move from unit to unit to test the identified vulnerable inmates and their cellies. The Institution will be on lockdown during this period of time. Tests will be conducted cell side. The Medical Department will forward all tests and await the results. Once the tests come back the Institution will make the necessary moves to separate the positive inmates from the negative inmates. This will possibly require moving inmates from one side of a unit to the other. Department personnel will be out touring and talking to the population to squash any rumors and to inform you with any changes to the Plan of Action. We will be operating under our Enhanced Quarantine protocols which means you will have access to phones, kiosks and showers during this time period. Virtual Visitations will resume once all necessary inter-facility moves are completed. Inmates are not being transferred out of Albion based upon this plan.

Although, we do see promise with the upcoming vaccinations and herd immunity taken place, the DOC does find this testing to be beneficial to the safety and health of the inmates within our institution. Thank you for your continued understanding as we progress through this pandemic. As more detailed changes occur, we will keep you informed. Thank you again.