



TO: ALL CONCERNED

DATE: January 8, 2021

RE: Town Hall Q & A

We have been in a 72 hr. Lockdown and Deep Clean Everything from the front door, inside the facility and all the out buildings were to be cleaned. Fogging was done were we could do it and a really good deep cleaning was conducted.

What has happened since I last spoke to you is that we had an inmate test positive who was tested on Friday, 1/1/21. We got the results the morning of Tuesday, 1/5/21 and that generated a lot of information and phone calls with Central Office. His cellie also tested positive. They were both quarantined on J Unit. Through that happening we did a total of 306 antigen tests. These are the rapid tests which alot of you have had by now.

From the results of this testing we have approximately 90 inmates who are positive. This effects several Units. I want to make it clear that all we are doing now and over the next week or two has been vetted and in concert with Central Office. We are on the phone with them every day discussing what will be our appropriate next step. As I have said previously, why we do this is that we want to mitigate spread.

The issue for real is that some of you were already sick, we know that, and we also know that you didn't want to come forward because you didn't want to end up quarantined. Everyone is like that, staff want to come to work. But this virus is so easily spread and if you are not wearing your masks correctly or washing your hands properly there are a lot of ways this can be spread.

I also feel that by the time we receive the results of the PCR test for the same 300 inmates, we are going to see more positives. The quick test tends to be a little less accurate. So if we have 100 positive inmates, there will be a lot of you who will have very little symptoms, you are going to have anitbodies and will be in a better place. Some of you will have moderate symptoms such as a fever, coughing and some of you are going to have serious symptoms. These may require you to need oxygen. We do have one inmate at the outside hospital right now and one inmate was brought up to Medical this morning that needed oxygen. Now we are "in it" and I am trying to explain why we are doing what we are doing.

That being said, if we were to test the rest of the facility, I am afraid that we will find out that there is a lot more of the virus in here. Our staff numbers are high, with numerous staff out. They are not all positive. We knew this could happen with the inmate population, it was not intentional nor malicious. Most times people do not even know they have it because they may have very mild symptoms.

Going forward we are doing a huge effort to keep this event small. We have obviously not been in this spot and have gone a few months without any positive inmates. SCI Albion has been one of the institutions across the state doing very well.

The following information will be sent out to you as quickly as possible:

- Current enhanced quarantined Units: A/A, B/A Dietary Cohort, B/B, C/B, D/A, D/B, F/A Dietary Cohort, F/B, G/A, G/C, H/A, J/A – our Isolation Unit and J/B. These Units are all quarantined through 1/15 with a few further out.
- The unaffected Units that are not under enhanced quarantine are going to start back to their 8-man Cohorts like previously. On the enhanced quarantined Units, inmates will be brought out individually, you will be able to show, use the kiosks and get a phone call.
- Phones. This is going to be addressed. One of the main reasons for the changes with the phones has been complaints from inmates not being able to use the phones. When we try to do something to fix this, it creates other problems. We are going to open up a window where you can get more calls during the 15 minutes.

Some things we will emphasize:

- Tell us if you are sick. We know there were some people who were not feeling well and did not tell us. You are not doing anyone any favors. If you are sick with COVID you are most likely contagious and you are getting others ill and will all end up quarantined.
- When coming out for showers, keep your mask on when you are coming out of your cell, get your shower done and put your mask back on. We have 15 days right now to get through this and hopefully no more positives pop up.
- If you have interaction with someone, not your cellie, and even if he tests negative because you can have it but not immediately be positive, this can affect your entire Cohort. If you would then test positive everyone you have been in contact with would have to quarantine for an additional 14 days. This is what has happened at other facilities and caused them to be locked down for months.
- Personally, I had a family member test positive. Because I was around them, I had to be tested. Even though I tested negative, I had to quarantine at home for 14 days and it is not fun.

- If you are quarantined you need to stay away from everyone. Take care of your personal business, don't go around others. Once we reach the 14 days, we can open things back up. I hope this is crystal clear. This is the standard across the world.
- All of you who are not on enhanced quarantine, assume that that the other 7 people in your Cohort are positive, it's just smart prevention.
- Keep your mask on, wash your hands, clean and sanitize. This is the only way we can beat this. Before you eat, make sure you wash your hands. We cannot emphasize this enough.... This is the way we will get through this and get this over quickly.
- The facilities where this was bad at, they have moved on and are doing much better. We are just in a spot right now but you have all been very cooperative. Thank you to D Unit with all the moves we had to make to D/B Unit. It was a huge issue but we had to do it and we thank you and the staff, this move was outstanding.

Once again, some of you will get mild symptoms, but in every large group of people some will die. We want to do everything we can to not have that happen. There are inmates here who tested positive and have underlying health conditions, we do not want to see something bad happen. Please take this seriously.

The Segas will be taken out of rotation at this time, cleaned and stored in the Unit Manager's offices for now. We cannot take any chances.

We will be conducting wellness checks. Our Nurses will still continue to do them but we are going to have the Officers do more. We want to make sure everyone is ok.

Please pay attention to what I am saying, I am telling you what I believe is critical and what has been emphasized with multiple Doctors and experts during our meeting this week.

Thank you all for your continued cooperation and have a safe weekend.

Superintendent Clark



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