

TO: ALL CONCERNED

DATE: Wednesday, April 7th, 2021

RE: Town Hall Q & A

Vaccine availability

As Dr. Longnecker and I stated on Monday, the vaccines are now available and we have begun inoculating staff and inmates.

Approximately 30 staff were vaccinated on Tuesday and we are beginning on A Unit today with inmates.

Some questions have come up and I want to address them.

1. Why do we have to sign waivers?

Waivers have been signed for everyone that has received a vaccine in the United States. We had to sign waivers in the community when I received mine and to date there are 62 million individuals vaccinated in the United States. It is just part of receiving this vaccine as it was rolled out as an emergency authorization.

2. A comment was made that these Johnson and Johnson vaccines were some how part of shipment that were supposed to be destroyed.

There is no truth to that rumor and please dispell that if you hear it. These are the same Johnson and Johnson vaccines that have went to all facilities in the Department for both staff and inmates.

3. Will I have to be moved if I don't get the vaccine?

There has been no direction put out on that stance by Central Office.

4. Do I have to be vaccinated to work in my job?

Again, there has been no direction put out on that.

5. Will vaccination be a requirement for in-person visiting when it begins?

Again, no direction on this.

Each one of these questions can be answered with my common sense thought on this. Obviously, people who are vaccinated are in a much better place in each of these circumstances. If criteria does come out for visiting and it is that the inmate and their visitor must be vaccinated, then you are in a much better position having already been vaccinated. Again, we just don't know these answers yet.

Some other issues have come up over the week, one being goose poop in the Yard. This is an annual problem at the facility and we will do our best to get it off of the track. It only may end up in the Yard as this has been the practice for many years at the facility.

6. Can we expand into evening Yard?

We typically do not open the evening Yard until later in the year so that we can get the full time period. We are looking at moving it sooner this year given current events.

7. As Central Office wanted the vaccine rollout to be a celebration of sorts, we are doing 2 special meals in the next few weeks. More to come on those, but they are being planned.

8. If you are vaccinated, the \$25.00 will be placed on your inmate account once we have all the information documented. It is coming, please be patient.

Thank you.


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