

TO: ALL CONCERNED

DATE: December 10, 2020

RE: Town Hall Q & A

I begin with a review of the decision from Secretary Wetzel to limit Cohort sizes to 8 inmates throughout the entire PA DOC. The only exception is a few of our larger work lines.

A review of the numbers of COVID positive cases and deaths throughout several facilities occurred. In summary, COVID is hitting the world, the nation, this state and in turn the Department of Corrections significantly. We have seen more deaths and positive cases in the last couple of months than we saw in the first 6 months of this pandemic. The next month or 2 will be critical, and especially the next 3 weeks, hence the Secretary's decision. It is prudent and hopefully will slow the spread of the Coronavirus until the vaccines become available.

There will be some modifications to our local operations in the coming few days, and this has already occurred.

We were able to build in some Yard time in our operations, but it is imperative that all rules are adhered to without question. If anyone chooses to not wear their mask while in any of these activities, there will be repercussions. It is critical for the safety of everyone here that masks are worn and that social distancing occurs. Of course hand washing and sanitizing is most critical as well. On a personal basis, it should be employed by everyone.

We will do everything in our power here at Albion as an Administration to make the next few weeks palatable. We are already looking at some special food and other opportunities to make this time go a little easier. There is going to be more in-cell programming offered and more in-cell projects to make the time go by productively. We have also bought additional Segas so that they go through the Unit more quickly.

The Administration will make sure that any new information or direction gets out quickly and is communicated through your Unit Teams as well as the inmate channel, and also of course, through the weekly Town Hall with the Superintendent or his designee.

Many of the questions that came up in the past week that I typically address are to some degree moot right now, but I will address them.

Questions/Concerns:

1. When are the vaccines coming and will they be mandatory for staff and inmates?

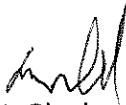
We do not have a solid date of when they will be available in the community or in our facility here. There is no indication about them being mandatory at this point. As more information comes out, it will be disseminated.

2. There were concerns regarding the Med Lines after we went to the 16-person Cohort and these issues were addressed. It should be noted that we have opened back up the old Med Line to assist with this.
3. There were several ideas on ANIVO sales provided again this week. Bowls, cups and slippers were among a few of the ideas. They were shared with CAM Jackson and Ms. Kusiak.
4. There were requests for different channels on Cable such as the Travel Channel, but again, these contracts are with Central Office and cannot be addressed locally. It should also be noted that free Cable is now through March and once again, unfortunately, we do not have TVs to give out to people who do not have them.

I want to Thank Everyone for their cooperation during these difficult times. Trust me, staff are going through unprecedented challenges in the community unlike we have ever seen. I will share some experiences at my next Town Hall but I am sure you are hearing some of these from your family and friends as well.

We are at a good place at this facility right now, in fact, probably one of the best in the state in terms of COVID, but I am not naïve and realize we could have a surge here as well. Let's jointly do everything we can to mitigate this at this facility and keep staff and inmates safe.

Respectfully,



Superintendent Clark

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