

## **Jan. 5 Lockdown Notice**

Effective 1/5/2021 at 1600 the institution will be placed on a 72 hour Lockdown/Deep Clean. This lockdown is in response to positive inmate cases of COVID in the facility and was decided in concert with Central Office. We have completed a thorough review of contact tracing leading us to initiate COVID testing on many other inmates residing on multiple units. The 72 hours will allow for a deep cleaning, mitigation of spreading the virus, and time to evaluate test results so we know the significance of the potential spread. We will reevaluate the situation after 72 hours and keep you posted on any operational changes needed moving forward.

There will be no movement during this lockdown other than that vetted by the Administration as essential. Medications, meals, programs, etc..... will be delivered to you. Your families will be notified via DOCNet that all Video Visits, phone calls, and emails have been cancelled/suspended during this period. This will be reevaluated after the 72 hour period and they will be notified if the suspension is extended. More information will be disseminated as the week goes by.

We have done very well at Albion during this pandemic and we aim to continue to do so. This may seem extreme to some but COVID can spread at an exponential rate, especially within an institution. Our goal is to keep inmates and staff safe and healthy which may be inconvenient at times. Extra resources will be provided to every unit and we encourage you to thoroughly clean your cells.

Your cooperation is once again appreciated,

Superintendent Clark