

### Fireside Chat 3/4/21

Welcome to this week's Fireside Chat.

The health and safety of Staff and our Inmate Population continues to be of paramount importance and continues to be our number one focus with our COVID-19 efforts. The COVID-19 pandemic has created daily challenges and daily inconveniences for all of us. We have all had to make adjustments to our daily living as well as our mental approach surrounding the inconveniences brought on by COVID-19.

We continue to get numerous questions about the vaccine. Again, we do not have all of the information yet, but once we do we will be utilizing Staff, the inmate channel, our CPS workers, and other avenues to assist in distributing the information and keeping you informed. Anything you may be hearing regarding the vaccine at this point would only be rumor as we are still waiting for information.

In previous weeks, we have been able to report brighter news as our COVID numbers were coming down. This week, we have taken a step back with a rise in positive cases here at SCI-Huntingdon. In an effort to get us back on track, it is essential that we conduct a facility wide deep clean beginning now and lasting through the weekend. Over the next few days, our Safety Manager and Maintenance Staff will be working diligently with a solid mind-set geared toward decontamination. Our Medical Department will remain steadfast and focus on additional testing. At this time, with these mitigation efforts, all inmate movement will be halted through this weekend.

We realize this is another inconvenience brought on by COVID, however, it is a necessary inconvenience to promote health and safety measures for our institution, our employees, and our inmate population.