

Fireside Chat 5-14-21

Welcome to this week's Fireside Chat.

As a reminder, if you have not already received the vaccine and wish to do so, you can submit a request slip to the Medical Department and notify a member of your Unit Team of that request.

Please let the Medical Department or a Staff member know if you are experiencing symptoms from the vaccine. Notify the same if you are experiencing severe head ache, abdominal pain, leg pain, and/or shortness of breath. There will be no medical co-pay for services associated with the vaccine and/or COVID.

Please remember to wear your mask, wash your hands, and practice social distancing. Cell cleaning supplies continue to be available on the housing units and can be requested from Staff.

Cable TV is free through June. You may have noticed that channels 46-48 are out. The provider is currently working on getting replacement equipment to solve the issue. Also, Correctional Cable TV has notified Central Office of an outage for the following TV channels until June 30: TBN, Enlace, POSTIVI and Church channel. Correctional Cable is working with their vendor to solve this issue as well.

As you may have noticed this week, Insulin and Pill Line are no longer being called down to the Medical Room at the same time. Block cohorts will be called down for Pill Line, then called down separately for Insulin.

Effective Monday 5/17/21, Sick Call slips will be picked up by Medical when Nurses are on the housing units for morning Pill Line. This change will be placed on the Inmate Channel and posted on the housing units. Any medical emergencies should be reported to Staff immediately.

There is an informational video being played on Channel 58 from approximately 7:30 AM – 8:00 AM. You are encouraged to view this video as it has information concerning video visitation. Specifically, we are in the process of placing Video Visitation Stations on every block. This has been a long time coming and we appreciate your patience. Please know that the system will attempt to keep and/or reschedule visits however, there is a possibility that some visits may be cancelled. This is computer generated and unfortunately there is nothing we can do to prevent it. We understand that this may create a temporary inconvenience to both you and your loved ones. Please keep in mind that all blocks will be gaining a significant number of visiting hours. Visiting hours will continue to run until 8:00PM, as stated before, this will be reevaluated on a monthly basis.

We will be doing a slow roll out to address any issues. Monday, May 17th AA and EA will visit on the block, as Monday is their regularly scheduled visiting day. Effective Tuesday, May 18th all blocks will be visiting on the block.

We ask that you notify your visitors of this change so that they can schedule or reschedule visits as necessary. Visits can be scheduled for all general population blocks 8:00AM to 8:00PM, seven days a week starting Tuesday, May 18th. If you have any questions or issues concerning these changes please work through your Unit Team.

This past week we were able to increase inmate workers in Food Services, Laundry, Correctional Industries, and Maintenance. We were also able to increase our numbers in Law Library.

Effective tomorrow, 5/15/21, our current kitchen worker cohorts will be increased from 8 workers to 10. Beginning 5/21, D (Delta) Unit will be placed into the rotation for kitchen work. Beginning 5/27, E (Echo) Unit will be placed into the rotation for kitchen work.

Finally; as a reminder from last week, you will begin to notice random searches and cell searches being conducted as we progress to our new normal.

Thank you and have a good week.

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