Fireside Chat 5-7-21

Welcome to this week's Fireside Chat.

Please remember even if you previously refused the COVID-19 vaccine, you can still reconsider. If you have not already received the vaccine and wish to do so, you can submit a request slip to Ms. Price in 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 vaccines. 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.

We continue to be vigilant throughout the institution as we are not letting our guard down. We have come a long way and must remain mindful of COVID-19 protocols which include masks, washing hands, and social distancing. Cell cleaning supplies continue to be available on the housing units and can be requested from Staff.

As we progress through the COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to follow direction from the Center for Disease Control, Department of Health, and Central Office. On a week to week basis, we implement the approvals we receive for increased inmate movement.

At this time, we will be increasing the following work lines in the coming week: Food Services, Laundry, Correctional Industries, and Maintenance. The number of inmates permitted in the Law Library will also increase. Housing unit cohort sizes will remain the same for now.

Cable TV will be free through the month of June. You may have noticed that channels 46-48 are out. Due to a provider issue, these channels could be out for 3 – 4 weeks. The provider is currently working on getting replacement equipment to solve the issue.

The Jaycees Appreciation involving the Cinnamon Rolls will take place on Thursday, May 20th.

Finally, as we progress to our new normal, you will begin to notice random searches and cell searches being conducted.

Thank you and have a good week.