

HOUSE OF CORRECTION



Milwaukee County

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TO: Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee

FROM: Superintendent Chantell Jewell

SUBJECT: From the Superintendent, House of Correction (HOC), providing an informational report regarding the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) public health emergency, and updates on confirmed employee and inmate cases at the HOC. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

The House of Correction staff are doing well with managing the spread of COVID-19 within the facility. There are currently 678 individuals in custody, and none are COVID-19 positive. This count does include 353 individuals who are Felony Pretrial and another 9 who are awaiting transfer to the Wisconsin State Prison System. There are 47 individuals in the community on electronic monitoring and 46 residents in the Huber program. COVID-19 testing occurs biweekly for staff members who are unvaccinated. There are currently no staff impacted by COVID-19. The Alternate Care Facility (ACF) remains vacant and there haven't been any formal requests to activate it. In terms of staffing, the HOC has 100 correctional officer vacancies. As a matter of concern, the HOC is frequently losing correctional officers with pay and overtime cited as the reasons.

COVID-19 safety protocols have remained in place.

The COVID-19 vaccine is available to both staff and residents at the HOC. The HOC continues to partner with a communication firm to address vaccine hesitancy and continue the education process with the hopes of increasing the overall vaccination rates in the facility. Wellpath also continues educates new residents as they come into the facility.

Below is a current breakdown of vaccinations given to date:

- 93% of the HOC staff and contractors have received the full vaccine series. There are 15 staff who have an approved exemption.
- There are 35% of residents in the facility at this time who have received the full vaccine series.

Programming is continually being reintroduced into the facility.