

Community Reintegration Center



Milwaukee County

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TO: Committee on Judiciary, Law Enforcement and General Service

FROM: Superintendent Chantell Jewell

SUBJECT: From the Superintendent, Community Reintegration Center (CRC), providing an informational report regarding the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) public health emergency, and updates on confirmed employee and resident cases at the CRC.

(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)

The Community Reintegration Center staff has seen a small increase in the number of CoViD-19 positive cases. 7 of our residents are COVID-19 positive. We have no positive staff members. There are 776 individuals in custody. This count does include 418 individuals who are pretrial and another 6 who are awaiting transfer to the Wisconsin State Prison System. There are currently 37 individuals in the community on electronic monitoring and 54 in our Huber dorms. Facility-wide testing of non-vaccinated staff was completed on 03/08/2023 and 03/10/2023 with no positive results. We continue to test non-vaccinated staff every two weeks. The Alternate Care Facility (ACF) remains vacant and there haven't been any formal requests to activate it. We are exploring options for the facility after the expiration of the CoViD-19 Federal Emergency declaration on May 11th of this year.

The COVID-19 vaccine is available to both staff, support staff and individuals in custody at the CRC. Wellpath, in conjunction with security staff, continues to educate new residents as they come into the facility. Residents are made aware of the \$50.00 incentive awarded to their trust account if they are vaccinated at the CRC. As of 03/15/2023 (the last date of reported information), there have been 953 1st doses administered, 658 2nd and 42 boosters through this program for a total of 1653. CRC has 35% of its residents fully vaccinated, up from 33% from the March report. Overall, Wellpath has administered 3450 vaccine doses since April of 2021. This is inclusive of both staff and residents.

Residents who are released prior to their second shot are provided with their immunization card and advised to contact their local pharmacy for the second dose. Residents are also allowed to return to the CRC or arrange to take the second dose at the CJF. All vaccination information is entered into the health department system, so a pharmacist can verify doses taken.

CRC security recently met with our County medical health consultant and our Wellpath team to update our CoViD-19 protocols to allow for a more safe and efficient operation and to align more with CDC guidelines. This has recently allowed us to merge two Huber dorms and create a higher housing efficiency within the CRC. Our quarantine process no longer includes residents who are sent out for clinic appointments or hospital stays.

93% of the CRC staff have received the full vaccine series.

All our CoViD-19 positive residents are housed in a dormitory specialized for CoViD-19. We have dedicated Officers staffing the unit and the negative pressure fans are activated. Our CoViD-19 unit currently has 7 male residents.

3 of our 16 general population housing units are currently on quarantine.

Programming is operating in its normal capacity and recreation has been expanded from 3 days a week to 6 days a week for non-working dorms. Our working dorms will have rec 7 days a week starting March 20th.

We are now allowing the Department of Corrections to conduct face to face visits with residents for the purpose of pre-sentence investigations.

CRC has recently upgraded its CoViD-19 mitigation program to include UV-C lighting in all our air handling units. We continue to utilize mandatory masking protocols as well as thrice daily cleaning and (when required) UV-C “robots” and the use of anti-viral power spray devices. Both the UV-C robots and power sprayers are operated by specially trained CRC Officers.

Attached to this report is the latest CoViD-19 positive case graph. This maps the history of CoViD-19 positive cases since our first infection in April of 2020. The numbers reflect both staff and resident infection rates.



