

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. Five of our residents are COVID-19 positive as are five staff members. There are 733 individuals in custody. This count does include 421 individuals who are Pretrial and another 11 who are awaiting transfer to the Wisconsin State Prison System. There are currently 36 individuals in the community on electronic monitoring and 57 in our Huber dorms. Facility-wide testing of non-vaccinated staff was completed on 02/08/2023 and 02/10/2023 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.

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 02/10/2023 (the last date of reported information), there have been 923 1st doses administered, 613 2nd and 387 boosters through this program for a total of 1923. CRC has 33% of its residents fully vaccinated. Overall, Wellpath has administered 3360 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.

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.

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

Programming is operating in its normal capacity although recreation has been suspended until our CoViD-19 numbers subside.

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 are two documents. The first (Fig.1) 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.

The second document (Fig. 2) tracks the number of disturbances at the CRC from 2019 to 12/31/2022 as requested by the Committee. The segments of time on the x-axis are not identically spaced but rather divided into segments of minimum resident activity in terms of recreation and programming and time periods where activity increased in those areas. Furthermore, the disturbances are tracked by type: medical, physical altercations, miscellaneous, disobeying orders, and disruptive conduct. The data accounts for changes in the average daily population. The number on the y-axis is simply a reflection on how many relative events a resident would engage in over the course of a twelve-month period.

Fig. 1

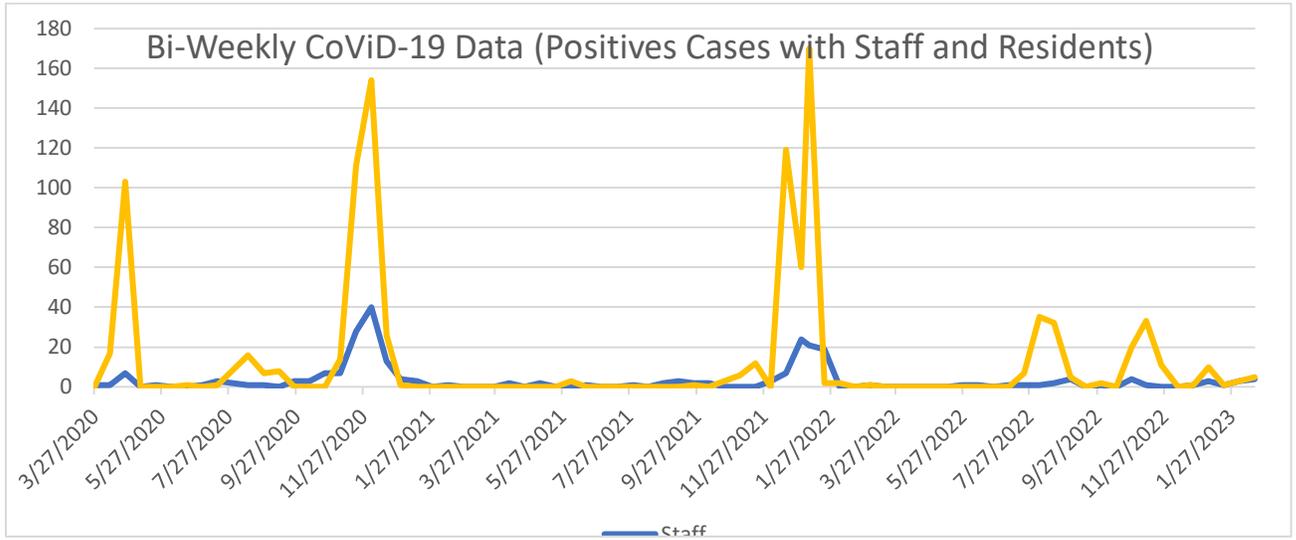


Fig. 2

