

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 experienced a downtrend in CoViD-19 positive cases. None of our staff or residents are COVID-19 positive. There are 858 individuals in custody. This count does include 469 individuals who are pretrial and another 11 who are awaiting transfer to the Wisconsin State Prison System. There are currently 29 individuals in the community on electronic monitoring and 60 in our Huber dorms. Facility-wide testing of non-vaccinated staff has been eliminated. The Alternate Care Facility (ACF) is no longer a structure that will be considered for CoViD-19 positive residents. If the CRC has more than 5 CoViD-19 residents, we will utilize our 4 CoViD-19 dorms within the jail proper as we have done since November of 2020.

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 04/19/2023 (the last date of reported information), there have been 982 1st doses administered, 694 2nd, 441 1st boosters and 22 2nd boosters through this program for a total of 2139 vaccines delivered. CRC has 40% of its residents fully vaccinated, up from 33% from the March report. Overall, Wellpath has administered 3649 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. This has led to the elimination of our testing requirements for our non-vaccinated staff as well as the removal of mandatory masking in non-CoViD-19 positive dorms. The CRC no longer requires staff members to be vaccinated against CoViD-19.

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

Our CoViD-19 negative pressure units remain closed currently.

3 of our 17 general population housing units are currently on quarantine. That is due to their recent arrival from the CJF.

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.



