



HOUSE OF CORRECTION

Milwaukee County

Chantell Jewell • Superintendent

DATE: March 10, 2021

TO: Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee

FROM: Superintendent Chantell Jewell *CJ*

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 883 individuals in custody, and none are positive. This count does include 438 individuals who are Felony Pretrial and another 229 who are awaiting transfer to the Wisconsin State Prison System. There are currently 81 individuals in the community on electronic monitoring. Facility-wide staff testing was completed on 2/24 and 2/25 with no negative results. The Alternate Care Facility (ACF), remains vacant and there haven't been any formal requests to activate it. There are no staffing concerns currently. The next round of staff testing is scheduled for 3/10 and 3/11.

As of 3/1, the COVID-19 vaccine is available to both staff and individuals in custody at the HOC. Efforts to increase the number of individuals vaccinated includes education via video, health services staff, HOC staff, written literature and other incentives. Below is a current breakdown of vaccinations given to date:

- There are currently 240 doses of the vaccine available at the HOC, however Wellpath can request additional doses weekly
- A total of 95 staff have received the vaccine at the HOC. There are an additional 21 staff who have been fully vaccinated at the OEM site.
- There are 61 residents who received their first dose and another 10 who have been fully vaccinated.
- Residents who are released prior to their second shot will be provided with their immunization card, information to contact the health department, or given the opportunity to return to the HOC for the second dose of the vaccine. They will also be allowed to make an appointment to receive their second dose at the jail, if that logistically will be easier for them.

As we continue to manage the spread of the virus, programming is still very limited. Education services have resumed through the Franklin School district. Residents are also able to participate in the Literacy Links program as well as some religious services. The visiting center will be reopened within the next several weeks which will help individuals stay connected to their loved ones.