

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 689 individuals in custody, and 2 are COVID-19 positive. This count does include 286 individuals who are Felony Pretrial and another 185 who are awaiting transfer to the Wisconsin State Prison System. There are currently 74 individuals in the community on electronic monitoring. Facility-wide staff testing was completed on 6/2 and 6/3 with one positive result. There is also one additional staff member who is isolation due to contact. 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 COVID-19 vaccine is available to both staff and individuals in custody at the HOC. The HOC has also partnered 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:

- The HOC has both the Moderna and Johnson and Johnson (J&J) vaccines available which gives residents a choice of which vaccine they receive. There are currently 275 doses of the vaccine available at the HOC of which 195 are J&J single dose shots. Wellpath can request additional doses weekly.
- 51% of the HOC staff have received the full vaccine series.
- There are 47% of residents who have received the full vaccine series
- 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 HOC 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.

Programming opportunities are still limited however we are beginning to gradually reintroduce programming into the facility. The Employment Navigator from Employ Milwaukee has continuously worked with individuals both pre and post release throughout the pandemic. We are now able to add some Fatherhood, Cognitive and other vocational programming in a limited capacity.

The Huber re-opening plan has been approved by the County Executive's office and we are in the final planning stages. Huber will tentatively reopen on 8/1/21.