



## HOUSE OF CORRECTION

*Milwaukee County*

Chantell Jewell • Superintendent

**DATE:** September 8, 2021

**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)**

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The House of Correction staff are doing well with managing the spread of COVID-19 within the facility. There are currently 568 individuals in custody, and none are COVID-19 positive. This count does include 233 individuals who are Felony Pretrial and another 45 who are awaiting transfer to the Wisconsin State Prison System. There are currently 63 individuals in the community on electronic monitoring. Facility-wide staff testing is done every two weeks with next round of testing scheduled for 9/8 and 9/9. There are 2 staff who are out due to being COVID-19 positive and 2 additional staff members who are in isolation due to contact. The Alternate Care Facility (ACF), remains vacant and there haven't been any formal requests to activate it. In terms of staffing, the HOC has 55 correctional officer vacancies.

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 85 doses of the vaccine available at the HOC of which 25 are J&J single dose shots. Wellpath can request additional doses weekly.
- 62% of the HOC staff have received the full vaccine series.
- There are 54% 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 remain limited however we are gradually reintroducing programming into the facility. Huber was re-opened on 8/1 and there are currently 34 residents in the program. All residents must be fully vaccinated to be eligible for Huber privileges at this time. All staff also must be fully vaccinated to work in the Huber area.