



COVID-19 Behind the Walls

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I am sure you know that there are inmates down in the Charleston prison who has the virus. It started with them saying there was 3 guards who tested positive for it, and then right after the paper said 3 guards and 1 inmate, but as of Friday there was 25 inmates that had it down there.

Then my sister, who lives down in the Bootheel, said the news down there said Charleston and another prison up here by me has it, but she couldn't remember which one. Farmington and Potosi are both close to here. Also there was 2 inmates here that was in a special medical unit that is called the ECU wing that they quarantined Friday, that they believe have it? But no word yet on if they do or not. I'm so scared of it getting inside of this place; it's unreal. So let me tell you some things that is going on in here.

They finally put a hand sanitizer in the hallway when you come into the house, one on each side of the house, but none in the wings, so that means after you use it you have to touch two doors to open after you use it and touch the same knobs all the other guys are. I got a letter from a friend in Potosi who said they have it in the wings? They have no kind of school or church service right now and that is good. They sit 2 guys at a table in the chow hall to eat, but still packing them in and lines of guys waiting to go in to eat every meal. They are taking forever for mainline to be over with and not getting hardly any outside rec. because it's taking way too long to finish feeding everyone. The main problem is there is 1 honor house on this side and 2 trouble houses and the 2 trouble ones is in no hurry to be back in the house and be locked down, so they eat and walk very slow back to the house and it knocks us out of outside yard. However on the other side of the yard there is just 2 honor houses and almost as soon as they eat they get to go outside just about every day, at least twice. But not my honor house? The prison is still on a 5 cell rotation and from what all of us have been told from guys in other prisons we hear from, we are the only one on a rotation in the state for 25 minutes at that!! We all have been given 2 face masks, but they was made at one of the prison factories in Jefferson City and made out of white sheets. You can see right through them, but they are better than nothing and happy to have one. I wear mine and some of the other guys does as well. I wish they would make everyone do so, but the thing that bothers me and all of the other guys as well is they are not making **staff** wear them in here and we all know if it gets in here they will be the ones bringing it in here for us to catch.

Now you won't believe what happen Friday in my house. **Out of the blue they moved like 30 guys around. They moved them out of 6A to 6B, and none of us got any bleach to clean the cells up.** What a bad time to do something like that!