



## **COVID-19 Behind the Walls**

### Prisoner Reports Dated April 8-24, 2020

#### **4/24/20 MC SECC:**

On 4/23/2020 at 10:03 pm KFVS12.Com, Heartland news, reported that 20 offenders have contracted COVID-19 and three employees.

There is some debate on numbers between offenders. Some have heard 100 offenders tested. Some heard 32 guards tested. Need factual info if you can.

I'm writing an article for newspaper and application for clemency. And need to let my mother know. Same station at noon reported 32 guards tested. Tonight CERT team activated (Correctional Emergency Response Team).

(Now I'd like to make a further observation. We know that DOC cannot keep employees. It's a very toxic environment. I think society thinks it's because this is a stressful violent jungle. But reality and first-hand experience has shown me that DOC has created a very dysfunctional environment. Guards write up guards, friends work with friends, nepotism is rampant. Sexual harassment occurs in the open and is openly laughed at. Guards use gang members to control others. Guards tell gangs who sex offenders are. Guards stand by and watch arguments intensify to physical altercations. And that's their entertainment. To me DOC is so desperate for employees that a lot is forgiven and tolerated. See, I'm a business owner, and I make decisions and employees follow those decisions or they move on. Here, if employees don't like it they complain. They basically revolt against leadership.)

The CERT team met in the gym sometime around 6:30 pm. Then went to 4 house and removed offenders from 4B. We saw offenders being led to 5 house. Now, to be honest, I do not know if they removed the sick or the well, I was not there at 4 house. However, as we previously discussed, 5 house had been shut down. 7 house was also shut down for the Parole Office to be moved in there. 7 house was work release and minimum security, located outside the fence.

I'm told by staff that 5 house was cleaned, painted and some work done, new control board to open doors, intercom fixed etc. Rumors! I have not been in 5 house. I witnessed mattresses being moved into 5 house last week. It makes good common sense that they would move all infected to 5 house for total isolation. Those who have it should be celling alone, with all canteen privileges, etc., meals catered to them, and I sure the hell hope someone in this institution treats them special. I mean a little dish of ice cream, or a cambro cooler full of Gatorade, not cheap-ass flavored drink but real electrolyte drink. These cheap bast.... probably won't even call next of kin and give notice the offender is in grave danger.

I heard possibly that COVID may be at Moberly (MCC). We heard one guy at Cameron (WMCC) but we could be confused with (WRDCC) in St. Joseph.

Best of Luck and Happy Reporting. Thanks for the attention you bring to our cases and incarcerations.

**4/24/2020 MC SECC**

**22 inmates test positive for coronavirus at Missouri prison**

Posted: Fri Apr 24, 2020 O'FALLON, Mo. (AP) — Nearly two dozen inmates at a prison in southeast Missouri have tested positive for the coronavirus, the first outbreak of the illness inside a correctional facility in the state. Missouri Department of Corrections spokeswoman Karen Pojmann said late Thursday that three inmates in a wing at the Southeast Correctional Center in Charleston tested positive earlier this week for COVID-19, the illness caused by the coronavirus. The department then tested all 64 residents of the wing along with 82 staff members. The testing found that 19 additional inmates had the virus. The wing has been quarantined since April 15, when the first inmate was tested and put in an isolation unit. None of the recently-tested staff members tested positive. Three staff members who tested positive in early April are in quarantine at home. Pojmann said no inmates at any other Missouri prison have been found with the illness. Prisons have been a major focus of concern because inmates live in small cells, eat and exercise in groups, and hygiene is often questionable. A massive outbreak in Ohio has sickened nearly 4,000 inmates. For most people, the virus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia, or death. The number of confirmed cases in Missouri increased by 200 on Friday to 6,506, and deaths rose by 10 to 252, according to Johns Hopkins University's Center for Systems Science and Engineering, which is monitoring cases worldwide.

Missouri Gov. Mike Parson is expected on Friday to outline details of how businesses can reopen starting May 4, following weeks of closure aimed at slowing the spread of the virus.

**4/22/20 SECC:**

**\*\*\*\*Just Do It\*\*\*\***

Today society likes to exploit its catch phrases. "Enough is Enough", "Black lives Matter", "All Lives Matter", "Stand Up", they are all great phrases that serve mighty causes and are calls to unite and to do meaningful work for meaningful causes. Today, another call is going out: It's a call to action, catch phrase is "Just Do It."

We are calling for Governor Michael Parson to immediately order the release of prisoners who are eligible for parole. In our Missouri prison system there are approximately 26,000 offenders, the warehousing of men and women alike. They are living in cells that are no more than seven foot by twelve foot. About the size of a walk-in closet, or second bathroom. The square feet equals out to be about 87 square feet. But add the beds, desk, toilet, and you end up with 40 square feet to move around. Social distancing does not exist in prison. Prisoners sleep less than three feet away from one another. Our prisons in Missouri are now under attack by the silent deadly killer of all men and women. Even our mighty military has fallen prey to the attacks on our hospital ships and carriers. New York City devastated. Chicago, St. Louis, food processing facilities all over the Midwest.

Now, COVID -19 has taken hold at Southeast Correction Center in Charleston, Missouri. And we all know how highly contagious the virus is. And recent history shows us how disenfranchised and ineffective the Department of Correction is. From riots at Crossroads Correctional Center in Cameron Missouri, where so much damage was done to the facility that the facility had to be shut down. Costing 3 million dollars for a lethal fence to be built at its neighbor prison WMCC to hold the overflow from Crossroads.

DOC and the Governor would not have closed Crossroads; only the riot caused the closure,

and this riot's action saved tax payers 20.6 million dollars, which was broke up to provide raises to dysfunctional, problem-causing, sexual harassing guards.

That's right, DOC has paid out just over 27 million dollars in 2017 for sexual harassment lawsuits. Let's be clear: these lawsuits have nothing to do with the prisoners. It is male guards who exploit female guards, who try to make a minimal living at \$31,300 average salary for their families.

Now Missouri taxpayers are to trust that these same dysfunctional state employees will rise to the call and save the lives of indigent men and women locked up without help as the virus creeps through the prison system. Already guards are fleeing their jobs, and manpower shortages are occurring.

Corizon Medical Services, which is under contract to provide medical care, had three months to prepare. Corizon Medical Services has been and continues to be sued in every state that it operates in. In Missouri they are currently being sued for failure to treat those with hepatitis C, and the attorneys are the American Civil Liberties Union and MacArthur Justice Center in St. Louis. Even with the long time to plan, Corizon could not keep the virus out. No preventive steps were taken with the offenders such as hand sanitizers or face masks issued, until and only after the virus infiltrated into the prison. The prison itself only talked about plans and created plans only once the virus was detected, and the only preventive action was to stop all visits whether contact or non-contact visits. Once the virus attacked it started through staff members. Then and only then, one cleaning rag was issued at the rate of one rag per cell; cleaning solutions or disinfectant is placed in a bucket and 144 men use it. Only one bucket a day is set out, and a mad dash for the bucket occurs daily. Extra offenders have been hired to clean the day room areas.

As a society, we cannot just trust our state government to act accordingly, passionately, and willfully. We as taxpaying citizens must require and demand excellence from our leaders. So today, I call on all family members of a convicted person in Missouri, I call upon all previously convicted citizens in Missouri, I call upon all friends of convicted citizens in Missouri, I call upon all churches, civic leaders, not for profit organizations and healthcare workers to e-mail the governor at [www.governor.mo.gov](http://www.governor.mo.gov) and demand that the State of Missouri declare war on COVID-19 in our state prison system and release all offenders who are currently eligible or has been eligible for parole. We are not asking that any crime is forgotten, nor pardons given. We are simply asking that those who are and have been eligible for parole be given parole. This decision shall not be based on race, color, creed, religion, age, type of crime. It is solely based on whether the person has been eligible for parole in the past, that parole is immediately given, and the offenders are released to report to their respective parole officer immediately upon release. This will save many lives of the offenders, guards and administration and reduce the prison population to a controllable population for the manpower and funding shortages. The citizens and the State will save millions of dollars in overtime pay, medical treatment, housing, feeding, and clothing of the released offenders and create a positive cash flow as these offenders return to work, pay taxes, and pay the cost of being on parole in Missouri. This immediate action will also create the opportunity for consolidation of prisons, thereby saving taxpayers an additional 20 million dollars a year for each prison closed and or consolidated.

This is your call to action. No matter your color, race, creed, religion, age or sexual preference, we all need to work together to save the lives of our fellow Missourians who

are at an all-time high risk of contracting this deadly, silent enemy to all of us. "Just Do It," Governor Parson.

**MC 4/23/20:**

**\*\*\*This message was sent by Warden Jason Lewis on 4/22/2020 @ 9:39 pm\*\*\***

I was informed this afternoon that we had our 2nd and 3rd offender test positive. Great news, though--the cellmate of the last guy tested negative and all others are recovering fine and are isolated in medical. Everybody who has tested positive has been from HU 4 B. They have been quarantined since April 15th. I am really proud of those guys. Some more great news! In order to get back to normal operations sooner and make sure we are as healthy as possible, **we have been authorized to give all of HU 4-B the COVID-19 test.** We are also testing the staff who have worked over there. I know several of you have expressed that this is a great idea. Thankfully the Director has authorized us to do it! Since HU 4B is quarantined and has had positives, that's where we are focused. Keep a good thought for those guys over there. They are doing an outstanding job. Also keep a good thought for the staff who are trying to be here every day so we can remain as normal as possible. Thank you for all your efforts and cooperation. I hope you feel like I do....expanded testing like this is a great step for us to further protect ourselves and move forward. I'm proud and appreciative of Director Precythe for working with us and trusting us to take this important step. We are ready to meet the challenge and move forward. I'll keep you updated. Warden Lewis

**\*\*\*\*\*News Flash\*\*\*\*\***

On 4/23/2020 @ approximately 12:10pm. ([www.ksvf12.com](http://www.ksvf12.com)) **Heartland News** reported that 32 SECC employees have taken the Covid-19 test and results are due back today. Only one Offender.

**MC view:** In Warden email it states 3 offenders positive. Testing of all offenders in 4B which is 69 offenders, houses 72, but 3 are supposed to be quarantined in medical. Does not mention what news channel reported of 32 guards tested.

Please send emails to station and clarify there are 3 offenders, 3 staff currently. See if they know test results of 32 employees.

I need executive clemency papers and sentenced to time served or immediately released on parole. I'm a chronic care patient with existing conditions including high blood pressure, heart, and diabetes problems along with being overweight. Throw in a case of Mackel's Diverticulum, where I can bleed out profusely and require immediate life-saving surgery—at the care of Corizon Medical Services—is a hell of a way to go. I don't stand a chance here!

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Offenders at Southeast Correctional Center Test Positive for COVID-19  
CHARLESTON, MISSOURI**

The Missouri Department of Corrections has received notification that 19 offenders in a quarantined housing wing at Southeast Correctional Center (SECC) have tested positive for COVID-19. Following positive test results for three of the wing's residents earlier this week, the Department of Corrections took proactive measures to gather vital data, contain the virus, and protect the SECC population by testing 146 people — all 64 housing wing residents and 82 staff members. None of the staff members tested positive. Aggressive quarantine strategies are an established component of the department's viral containment plan. The affected SECC housing wing has been quarantined since April 15, when the first

resident with COVID-19 symptoms was tested and relocated to an isolation unit. While the wing is in quarantine, residents of the other three wings of the housing unit have been screened, with temperature checks.

All offenders with COVID-19 symptoms and their cell mates are relocated and housed in separate cells in an isolation unit pending test results. Three SECC staff members who tested positive for COVID-19 earlier this month, as well as all staff with whom they had close contact, are in quarantine at home. Viral containment plans in effect at SECC and all other state prisons are designed to reduce the risk of viral spread within a facility. Each offender interacts only with residents of his own housing unit at all times, including meals and recreation, avoiding contact with other offenders and staff. Large-group activities have been suspended. Staff work in the areas to which they're assigned and avoid interactions with offenders or staff from other areas. No offender currently housed in a state prison other than SECC has tested positive for COVID-19.

Protective face covers manufactured by Missouri Vocational Enterprises have been distributed to all staff and offenders at every Missouri Department of Corrections facility. Each SECC staff member and offender has been issued one or more of these face covers, which can be cleaned in accordance with Centers for Disease Control & Prevention guidelines. The department also has a supply of medical-grade personal protective equipment (PPE) on hand for use by staff working with or near offenders who have tested positive for COVID-19. To minimize exposure, the Missouri Department of Corrections has followed all safety protocols and has instituted operational changes in all facilities:

The department has implemented strict sanitation schedules at every facility, with ample access to cleaning supplies, and has designated a point person at each facility to enforce sanitizing guidelines and to ensure the availability of soap and sanitizer. The department has suspended visiting, volunteer and reentry partner programs, and regular offender transfers among facilities, except in extenuating circumstances. All staff are screened, with temperature checks, before entering a facility. Corizon Health provides around-the-clock on-site medical care at every prison, and medical staff have been trained in COVID-19 preparation and response. Isolation cells, wings and units have been designated inside prisons. Offenders with symptoms of COVID-19, the flu or other communicable diseases are isolated from other offenders.

COVID-19 testing is available at every prison. Offenders with COVID-19 symptoms are tested in accordance with Centers for Disease Control & Prevention guidelines. COVID-19-enhanced pandemic protocols have been implemented at every prison. The department will continue to closely monitor the spread of COVID-19 and make additional operational and preventative decisions as the situation evolves. Throughout the duration of the COVID-19 outbreak, MODOC will post public updates on our website at <https://doc.mo.gov/media-center/newsroom/covid-19>. The department will continue to closely monitor the spread of COVID-19 and make additional operational decisions as the situation evolves. Throughout the duration of the COVID-19 crisis, MODOC will post public updates on our website at <https://doc.mo.gov/media-center/newsroom/covid-19>.

**Tonya Mangrum <tmangrum1977@gmail.com> Apr 24, 2020, 7:20 PM**

**My husband sent me this** and they keep removing my emails from him; can you help in any way? Calling the prison doesn't help.

**TO: THE MEDIA OR ANYONE WHO WILL LISTEN!!!!!!**

1. JCCC STAFF CAME ON APRIL 3rd and took all of our watered down cleaning supplies. To be clear--technically we are not supposed to have them, but I have been here since Oct. 1st and we only get to clean once every Sunday, they put multiple gallons of mostly watered down cleaning supplies so everyone fills up a bottle or two so we can clean throughout the week. They have not said one word about this, but now that the coronavirus is ravaging the country they boast on the DOC website that we have access to plenty of cleaning supplies to disinfect our living areas. **WE DO NOT; THAT IS ALL FOR THE PUBLIC TO SEE.** This morning was cleaning day; they put two spray bottles in our wing for 72 people to use. Most people did not get to clean, because this is not enough. Mind you this is very watered down, diluted to the point you can't even smell the bleach in it.
2. Securus is giving us 20 minutes a week to give us extra calls, since we can't visit with our family, yet 4 phones cannot be being used and if we ask to get on it the answer is no, and it's most generally us getting yelled at. They boast all this on the MODOC website. **It's all for show!!!!** The public needs to know these things.
3. They boast on their website that they are making 336,000 rolls of toilet paper a WEEK!!!! There are roughly 27,000 people incarcerated in MODOC. They give us ONE roll per week!!!! And you better not ask for one in the middle of the week!!! Where is all this toilet paper going??? By the way our canteen has been out of toilet paper for the last 2 weeks, and when I got here in Oct. they were out for a month!!!

Please post this on all the Facebook sites so other people can contact the media and the complaint line (573) 526-7000 and central office and constituent services!!!! Everyone use your voice!!!! **Our time is our punishment, not all the extra stuff they do,** and there's more, but these are the most important issues!!!

**KOMU 8 ABC 17 CNN MSNBC J-PAY OPEN FORUMS**  
POST IT EVERYWHERE EMAIL THIS TO ALL THE OUTLETS—ACLU,  
EVERYONE SHOULD READ THIS!!!

**4/22/20 MC SECC:**

**\*\*\*This following message sent from Warden Lewis on 4/20/20 10:32am\*\*\***

Please be advised I received notification this morning of our 1st confirmed positive COVID-19 test for an offender at Southeast Correctional Center. The offender and his cellmate remain in isolation and are doing good. They were isolated and their wing quarantined on April 15th pending the results. Be assured all protocols have been followed to minimize exposure. Medical is going to do wellness checks and temperature checks on their wing and unit again today.

Make sure if you are not feeling well let someone know so medical can also do a wellness check on you.

It is important that we be respectful during this time and be aware that misinformation can cause unnecessary alarm for our community as well as your friends and family. Keep up your efforts for social distancing and cleaning. We are installing the hand sanitizer stations in the units today. Also use the ones already installed in food service. Thank you.

**Warden Lewis**

**Comment from MC:** Hand sanitizer was installed in sally port next to pass-through window. There is no sanitizer available in the actual living area, or commonly called wing. Offender cannot just walk out and use hand sanitizer, only coming and going in controlled

movements, which means that with a herd of offenders leaving at one time maybe 10% use the sanitizer. There is no social distancing because phones are placed next to one another and there are 6 phones per 144 people. Cleaning supplies are one wash rag, a grey 2 gallon bucket sitting out with cut-down disinfectant, all day for 144 people to use. Not changed out. Offenders receive write-ups if they have any disinfectant in their cells. Offenders have one mask only, no gloves, and if an elevated temperature is detected you are removed from wing and quarantined.

**4/21/20 SCCC TH:** My mind is in a wonder about how prison staff continue to put us at risk for catching this virus. They are pat searching us with no gloves or masks on, and searching cells with no gloves. I heard about confirmed cases in Charleston and Bonne Terre, so I know it's only a matter of time when this virus spreads. We are considered undesirables, and with hospitals running out of room and equipment, I'm sure our request for medical attention will fall on deaf ears. It takes four days to get aspirin. I'm also noticing how the Jim Crow guards are using this virus issue as justification and an excuse to provoke and agitate prisoners. Even in the ITC program I am a target because of my outspoken views of institutionalized racism. So it's a good chance I'll be set up by the prisoncrats. I now understand that how I live comes with the territory of prison, but I know that what I speak on is truth so I will remain upright and fearless.

**\*\*\*\*This message from DAI Jeff Norman sent 4/17/2020 @ 5:32 pm\*\*\*\***

I want to thank you for your understanding and patience during this tough time. I realize how stressful this public health crisis is for everyone. Know that as a department we are doing everything we can to keep all of you and all of our staff as safe as possible. Just a few updates I want to let you know about:

As we already have announced, the visiting suspension has been extended. Loss of face-to-face contact with family and friends can be difficult, and I want to let you know we intend to return to normal as soon as it is safe. We have identified a few staff members at Southeast Correctional Center and Western Missouri Correctional Center who have tested positive for COVID-19. They are in quarantine at home, and so are all staff they had close contact with. So far we have no positive inmates at either facility.

As you have seen on the news, people all over the country are praising the hard work of our health care workers. We can't do it without them. For their protection as well as your own protection, you must wear your face covering if you have to go to medical for any reason. Thank you in advance for understanding how important this is.

Speaking of face coverings, I want to give a special thanks to the inmates at the four facilities with clothing factories who are working long hours to get these face coverings made for you and for staff. Most of you should have received one or will receive one in the next day or so. We also will get you a second one as soon as possible.

We ask that you continue to wash your hands thoroughly to prevent the spread of the virus. I have directed the wardens **to ensure they continue their process to distribute soap. Also, during this public health crisis, you will be able to request additional soap through your case manager if you run out.** Since this crisis started, you have shown an awesome ability to adapt to the changes around you! I hope that you continue to understand the stress everyone is under during this time. Be good to each other and to staff. As I told you, I have asked staff to do the same with you. I look forward to the pandemic ending. It is

taking its toll on all of us. As soon as possible, we will return to normal operations. Thank you all again!

**Jeff Norman, Director of Adult Institutions**

**\*\*\* This message from Warden Lewis sent 4/17/2020 @ 10:25 am \*\*\***

Great news! I am lifting the quarantine status for HU 3B. They will go back to regular rec with their house and regular meals in dining hall. The test results for COVID-19 were NEGATIVE for their wing-mate. HU 3B did an outstanding job during quarantine. Thought you guys would want to know. Keep up with the enhanced cleaning efforts. You guys are doing great.

**Warden Lewis**

**4/22/0 MC SECC:**

**\*\*\* This message from Warden Lewis sent 4/16/2020 @ 12:42 pm \*\*\***

As you are aware, we have implemented several steps to look out for your wellbeing. It is important to emphasize that enhanced cleaning/disinfecting, hand washing, and maintaining 6-foot social distancing still remain important. In addition to this, the CDC is recommending the use of cloth face coverings.

We got our face coverings last Saturday. Below is some good information we wanted to ensure you are aware of:

**How to Wear a Cloth Face Covering.**

Cloth face coverings should fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face be secured with ties allow for breathing without restriction.

Do I have to wear the face covering? No, it is not required. However, wearing the face covering is recommended as a precautionary measure in conjunction with the use of the preventative measures.

Should cloth face coverings be washed or otherwise cleaned regularly? How regularly? Yes. They should be routinely washed depending on the frequency of use. It is also recommend you wash the face covering when you receive it. They can be hand washed using clean water and a detergent, soap, or disinfectant. They can also be washed in a washing machine.

How does one safely remove a used cloth face covering? Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing their face covering and wash hands immediately after removing.

We appreciate all of your support in looking out for your well-being and that of others. If you have any questions, please ensure you let us know.

**Warden Lewis**

**\*\*\*This message from Warden Lewis sent 4/15/2020 @ 5:14 pm \*\*\***

I was informed this afternoon that we have had a third staff member test positive for COVID-19.

This staff member did not have any offender close contact in last 14 days. Staff are at home on quarantine fighting the virus. Other staff who have had close contact with the positive individuals have been quarantined at home as precautionary measures. They will not be at work until they clear our protocol for return.



## Warden Lewis

**\*\*\*This message from Warden Lewis sent 4/15/2020 @ 12:36 pm\*\*\***

All offenders are now required to wear your face coverings when going to medical. If you need bar soap, get with staff and exchange like you do for TP. **I am trying to get more soap ordered in.** I am also trying to get your second face covering as soon as possible. Thank you for all your help. It's always been a two way street for me. We do what's best for the facility especially during times like these. The administration will be here and will make sure we are doing everything we can to make SECC right. Keep doing your part. We need solutions, not more problems.

I got the pay thing worked out and I am trying to get it pushed through before next draw week. If you still haven't been listed or somehow got left off a list, just communicate it with your unit staff or supervisor, or catch admin on the walk. We will fix it if it needs fixing, but remember give just a little patience as we are working through facility concerns also.

## Warden Lewis

**\*\*\*This message from Warden Lewis sent 4/12/ 2020 @ 4:27pm\*\*\***

I was informed this morning that we have had a second staff member test positive for COVID-19. This staff member did not have any offender contact in last 14 days. This is also unrelated to our first positive. I authorized medical to voluntarily take your temperatures today and to do a basic wellness check. **If they consider giving the COVID-19 test to someone in your wing, this is how it will go:** That individual and his cellie will be removed from the wing and isolated. The wing will be quarantined. This is only until we get the test results back, which will be less than a week. Just because a guy gets tested doesn't mean he is positive. It's a precautionary deal by medical.

What quarantine means for us when we are pending COVID-19 test results: It just means you can't be around anyone besides your wing, and your housing unit staff. It means you get meals on wheels. It means you will only rec with just your wing.

It was good to visit with everyone last night. The administration does need more time out of the office and on the hill. Keep the ideas coming and **make sure your unit staff know when you need cleaning supplies.**

## Warden Lewis

*Comment from MC: We let staff know we are out of supplies, and are told to lock down; they say we use too much; we are threatened with write-ups, and our cells are searched; a day or two later we get more chemicals.*

**\*\*\*This message from Warden Lewis sent 4/11/2020 @ 2:41pm\*\*\***

I received notification late last night of our first confirmed positive COVID-19 test for a staff member here at Southeast Correctional Center. They are currently quarantined at home and not working. They have not been at work since Tuesday April 7th, 2020.

Please be assured all protocols have been followed to minimize exposure. If you have not received notification that you are suspected of having had close contact with the staff member, that means you are not considered to be at risk. We will continue with our enhanced cleaning schedules and viral containment plan. I have sent a mail runner to get face coverings for every offender (produced at FCC). They are leaving right now to get them. When the face coverings get here, we will get them handed out to you.

It is important that we be respectful during this time and be aware that misinformation can cause unnecessary alarm for everyone here and for your loved ones. We have been preparing for this for some time now. We are ready. Let's continue to be leaders and know that the rest of the State of Missouri is looking to us now as the example.

**Warden Lewis**

**\*\*\*This message from Warden Lewis sent 4/10/2020 @ 4:10pm \*\*\***

Just few things to pass along before the weekend...

You will be provided with one face covering from MVE for general use if you choose. MVE is in full production and we should receive them soon. Soon as I get them we will hand them out. These are for general precautions since we do not have any active COVID-19 cases here. They are 100% cotton so they can be washed and reused.

Hand sanitizer got here this morning so we put it into use right away in dining halls, entrance and exit. You just need enough to cover your hands so let's not waste what we got. I will expand its use next week. Check it out at chow tonight.

I asked Jefferson City to review the canteen spend limit and see if it could be increased. No decision has been made yet.

Our Viral Containment action plan started developing this week. I know some of your schedules, programs and housing assignments changed. Be patient. Give us time to get this smoothed out. We have to work together. Example: I know you need time to eat while in the dining hall. The time spent coming and going from the wing does affect the total time it takes to run mainline. We want to stay on schedule and get you guys out for rec, so do your part and hustle out of the wings and back and forth from dining hall. That doesn't mean you have to shorten your time to eat. Just means do your part to hustle up.

Okay, workers: As long as you work under my budget you will keep getting paid even if you can't go to work every day. We have created a bunch of new jobs also. Some guys are working more, so will see an increase. You want to help, get with a FUM and let's get you helping. If you want to volunteer in garden during your rec period and see what that is about, get with Ms. Thomas. Did you guys get to see the wheelchair car wash? Great deal!! That idea came straight from the population. Keep your ideas coming.

Something I heard today really hit home with me: "We aren't doing this to you. We are doing this for you." I know you sometimes get concerned about things. The steps we are taking are stressful for everyone and this kind of change is never easy. What we are doing is truly about you. I'm just glad I'm here doing it and not somewhere else. Before you know it we will be back to normal and planning Facility Appreciation Day.

Lastly it's good to see several of you get segregation behind you and start working in a different direction out in GP. Keep up the positive work and stay focused. A lot of us want to see you succeed.

**Warden Lewis**

**\*\*\*This message sent 4/08/2020 @ 1:16 pm\*\*\***

Dear JPay Customer,

A couple of weeks ago, you received an email detailing efforts to make staying connected

more accessible during the uneasiness surrounding new cases of the Coronavirus in the United States. JPay and the Missouri Department of Corrections have worked together to expand those offerings by crediting your account with one free JPay Stamp per week. As of yesterday, April 7th, your account will be credited with one free JPay Stamp every Tuesday. The one free JPay Stamp will be replenished every Tuesday. However if you do not use the free JPay Stamp, your account will not be replenished with another free JPay Stamp the following week.

Warm Regards,  
**Your JPay Team.**