

ΔΔΔΔ TIMELINE OF CORONAVIRUS @ OSCI ΔΔΔΔ

[Updated as of 12/4/20]

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Codes:

D - Date estimated, Confirmed event

√ - Confirmed date & event

? - Rumor

ID Abbreviations:

KC - Kevin Carr, DOC Secretary

MF - Makda Fessahaye, DAI Administrator

CJ - Cathy Jess, OSCI Warden

ET - Emil Toney, OSCI Security Director

ΔΔΔ Start of Timeline for OSCI ΔΔΔ

ΔΔΔ Coronavirus Pandemic, circa 2020 ΔΔΔ

D 3/10 X-Bldg on lockdown, suspected cases; inmates begin being quarantined in Seg

√ 3/13 Memo of KC - claims no cases in DOC; non staff visits, religious services, volunteer programs suspended, day rooms

√ 3/16 Two free calls/wk

√ 3/19 Memo of MF - Informing of free calls

D 3/21 Puppy Parole: Majority of dogs from the Dog Program removed from the institution

? 3/21 Est. 2 dogs left in institution(rumored they're left due to health reasons)

D 3/29 X-Bldg off lockdown

√ 4/01 Barbershop closed

√ 4/02 No handball or basketball

√ 4/06 Modified library schedule (5 period/wk: 4 hr 15 mins total) posted

√ 4/06 Confirmed cases: 2; W-Bldg on lockdown

√ 4/08 Memo of CJ - Announced 2 Confirmed Cases; Rec yard limited to one unit at a time for 1 or 2 times a day, No Rec boxes, 2 to a table; Med pass slowed; Meals limited to 2 per table & wiped after each use; Social workers by request only; Day rooms limited movement;

D 4/08 Unit workers receive cloth masks

√ 4/10 Memo of ET - Announcing non contact pat searches

√ 4/14 Mass movement clearing out the bottom tier of a wing of R-Bldg for additional segregation (quarantine)

√ 4/15 Memo of MF about facemasks; Handout of 4 paper facemasks to gen pop (20 days worth according to the memo)

√ 4/16 Cases: 8 confirmed, 1 pending, 12 neg (from CBS News, never announced by DOC to gen pop)

D 4/17 Handout of 1st cloth facemask to gen pop

√ 4/18 Shortage of hand soap on some housing units

√ 4/20 Handout of 2nd cloth facemask; 1st stamped envelope

- √ 4/23 Memo of MF - Waiving PRC requirements for geriatric/medical release (only posted at Library, never announced)
- √ 4/25 Another shortage of hand soap on some housing units
- ? 4/26 Bad Dog Revocation: Dogs (Est 3) now in inst. returned based on 'behavioral problems'
- √ 4/27 Kiosk deposit of .50¢ weekly starts
- √ 5/05 Our '20 days' of disposable masks expires; no replacements offered; cloth masks can only be exchanged on Fridays
- D 5/15 Some school (TABE testing, Horticulture, Building Maintenance & Construction) resumes
- √ 5/28 Memo of CJ informing us of mandatory testing by the National Guard for all inmates & staff for week of 5/30; also requires mandatory mask use starting May 31
- √ 5/31 Inmates and staff req'd to wear masks; still sporadic among staff
- √ 6/01 Mandatory mask wearing cancelled as testing gets rescheduled for the week of 6/7
- √ 6/03 Inter institution transfers resume. Dodge bus full of inmates arrived today around 9am and appx 15 guys were dropped off here. All were temperature checked upon arrival by a nurse.
- √ 6/07 Mandatory mask wearing begins again
- √ 6/09 Nat'l Guard starts testing
- √ 6/10 KC issues memo about death of George Floyd and that DOC condemns excessive force and failure to intervene to protect ppl.
- √ 6/11 Nat'l Guard done testing; First results come back: 1 positive case on Middle unit (D-Bldg), Entire unit quarantined and infected individual was removed to a different Unit (possibly Seg, R-Bldg or HSU but unknown right now)
- ? 6/12 Testing results of 1200 back: 1 positive, 200+ recovered
- √ 6/12 Kiosks/Wi-Fi goes out this afternoon
- √ 6/15 Wi-Fi back on; Mandatory mask wearing ends
- D 6/23 Rec boxes out on yard on limited basis (horseshoes, CornHole)
- √ 7/1 Free video visits begin
- D 7/6 Barbershop reopens
- √ 7/10 Memo of CJ saying mask wearing will be mandatory for staff and inmates
- √ 7/13 Mandatory mask wearing begins; Most of the Educational programs restart; 2-tiers of each Unit allowed in day rooms at a time
- D 7/14 Breaking Barriers with Books resumes
- √ 7/17 Yards times increase, 2 units out at a time in each field
- √ 7/30 Dayroom/outdoor tables can now have 4 ppl at them again (not including meal times); Basketball, softball & volleyball now allowed at Outdoor Rec
- D 8/01 Two disposable masks handed out
- D 8/01 Heatwave (doors mandated to be closed by Madison allegedly for PREA safety)
- D 8/15 Dayroom times expanded to allow 1 wing of each unit out during morning and afternoons
- √ 8/18 Cloth masks on sale thru vendor
- √ 8/25 Medical staff confirms that Madison has ordered medical providers not to issue Affidavits/Letters Supporting Compassionate Release unless the individuals symptoms on their own (w/o consideration of COVID-19) qualify for Compassionate Release
- √ 9/14 Four individuals placed on quarantine from Open Center
- √ 9/15 Two more individuals placed on quarantine from Open Ctr; Open Ctr placed on lockdown

- √ 9/17 Two inmates from K-Bldg taken to quarantine; Memo from CJ acknowledging uptick of COVID-19 cases and reinstating one unit on the Rec field at a time
- √ 9/18 Three inmates from K-Bldg sent to quarantine
- D 9/20 Three more units on quarantine (Close, U & P)
- √ 9/21 Library, indoor rec, barber shop shut down
- √ 9/22 Memo of CJ announcing unit quarantines on the 20th, she anticipates Nat'l Guard testing in the near future
- √ 9/22 Announcement in morning: No off unit programming, no T4C, no unit programming for quarantine units, law library by request only, only laundry and food service on regular operations; HSED testing cancelled for quarantine units
- √ 9/22 Plastic barrier installed for medication handout on units
- √ 9/22 Library Memo: Law library access for non-quarantined units only with an approved court deadline only
- √ 9/23 K-Bldg on quarantine
- √ 9/24 Video visits suspended
- D 9/24 V-Bldg on quarantine (majority of regular housing units locked down)
- √ 9/24 K-Bldg disposable mask exchange (2 for 2)
- √ 9/25 Procedures normalizing on housing units with unit manager protocols.
- D 9/25 K-Bldg enters Phase 2 of quarantine
- √ 9/28 All HSED testing cancelled
- D 9/29 All units but Q-Bldg and D-Bldg are on quarantine (est. 1600+ ppl on quarantine or 80% of the population). Rumor is that Nat'l Guard testing is supposed to start tomorrow
- √ 9/30 Nat'l Guard testing begins
- √ 9/30 Memo of CJ - Meals to be eaten in cells
- √ 10/2 At least 3 ambulances into the institution; quarantine/medical isolation on R-Bldg/Seg full; Those with positive tests remain housed on regular housing units; Only 800 tests (of 2000) have results
- √ 10/2 K-Bldg: Estimated 20+ positive tests; Around 7pm apparently ran out of space for those testing positive in R-Bldg/Seg & started leaving those that tested positive on the unit; Half the bathrooms are now restricted to those with positive tests; Many serverly workers testing positive; showers every other day
- √ 10/3 K-Bldg: Those testing positive starting to be fed on Styrofoam trays; confirmed 26 positive cases on the unit
- √ 10/3 Memo of CJ: No free movement, by officer permission only; Forms (HSU/Interview, etc) handed out 1x/day; Isolated & non isolated share the same housing unit and facilities; No kiosk, phone or laundry; issue 2 disposable masks/10 days, cloth masks disallowed; showers 2x/week, no non worker showers for the next 2 days(this means some ppl are going to go 4 days until their next shower opportunity due to the previous every other day policy);
- √ 10/4 Positive tests: 317 out of 1900 results back (still waiting on some)
- √ 10/5 More out to hospital around this time
- ? 10/8 A 26 y/o dies at the hospital due to COVID
- √ 10/8 Positive tests: 330
- D 10/10 Attorney calls being denied on basis of COVID operations
- √ 10/14 Nat'l Guard testing; COVID/Overcrowding Lawsuit filed (Eastern District Court)

D 10/18 Active cases: 687, 1220 neg (appx 34% infected)

? 10/20 Another individual dies due to COVID

√ 11/4 Limited outside rec yard, appx 35 min/day, no tables, rec box, etc; partial units only

D 11/12 Nat'l Guard testing (negative only)

√ 11/24 Majority of Inst has been infected; 949 out of 1881 individuals according to the Official DOC Website (50.4%)

√ 11/30 Limited Law Library reopens (need court deadline); Washer/Dryers on unit reopened; Access to Property catalogs on unit restored

√ 12/02 DOC denies COVID-related document filings with the federal court