COVID-19 Update - April 28, 2020

Hi all-

It was a slow news day on the COVID-19 front, but I’ll take it. No major news to report, but here’s a quick update on some of our stats.

**Testing:** To date, we’ve tested 34 people in our custody in Idaho. All 34 have come back negative. We’ve also tested 6 people in Eagle Pass, Tx, and all six were negative. On the staff front, we’re aware of 61 staff who have been tested. 4 have tested positive, 48 tested negative, and 9 results are pending.

**Telecommuting:** We have 566 IDOC staff who are telecommuting for at least a portion of their work week.

**Medical Screening:** Since we implemented medical screening, we’ve had 218 staff self-report influenza-like symptoms or be turned away through the screening process. 164 have been cleared and returned to work. We know how important the medical screening component is to keeping COVID-19 from entering our facilities, but we continue to look at ways we can minimize the impact of the process on your time. We’re looking at a mobile app that would allow you to answer the screening questions on your mobile device. You’d still have your temperature checked upon entry, but we’re looking for ways to allow this critical process to continue in the least intrusive and most efficient means possible. We’ll keep you posted.

That’s all for today. I hope all of you have a great, safe, and productive evening.

Thanks-
Josh