

Hi all-

I'm back! Thanks to Bree, Christine, and everyone for keeping things on track while I took a little time off. I'm still trying to get unburied, but it's good to back.

Back to School: School has started (or is about to restart) across the state, and it's going to look different for a lot of us. Each school district is taking a unique approach, but a lot of schools are doing at least a portion of the week through virtual learning instead of in-person instruction. That means many of us parents are scrambling to balance work with the time needed to help our kids attend classes virtually. I don't want to speak for anyone else, but it's especially true in the Tewalt household. I'm a dad and husband before I'm a director, and my wife and I are certainly feeling the extra pressure of trying to figure out how to help our young kids access school in a different way. I'm sure we're not alone, and a lot of people are having those same challenges right now.

Earlier today, Angie Hamilton in HR sent some information to select Treasure Valley work sites about some assistance being offered by the Boys and Girls Club of Ada County to help out parents by creating virtual learning hubs. We also posted some info on our social media platforms. I wanted to share the information with all of you. You can learn more about the program they're offering in Ada County by clicking [here](#). If you're outside of Ada County and know of any other programs like this, please let us know so we can share those resources with other staff.

Staff Testing: We've seen a slowing in positive cases amongst staff, and today marks the 6th straight day of having no additional confirmed positives. What's even better is that the number of staff who remain out due to COVID-19 can now be counted on one hand. We're down to 4 staff with active cases, and we wish them a full and speedy recovery.

Incarcerated Individual Testing: We had a lot of results roll in this past weekend from last week's mass testing efforts. With testing of ISCC complete for the time being, we're moving our mass testing efforts to ISCI and CAPP this week. As of this evening, we have conducted 5,121 tests, 104 are pending, 3,859 returned negative, 54 symptomatic positive, 216 asymptomatic positive, and 888 cases are no longer considered active. In Eagle Pass, TX, 24 tests have been conducted with 17 testing negative, 4 positive, and 3 tests are pending.

Eagle Pass Moves: Late last week, we finalized a contract with CoreCivic for out of state placement at the Saguaro Correctional Center in Eloy, Arizona. Earlier today, the first group of 148 gentlemen were transferred from Eagle Pass, TX to Saguaro without incident. Over the next month, we'll continue drawing down Eagle Pass before the contract for that facility expires. We'll have two additional transports to Saguaro and a number of people will also return to Idaho by the end of September. We've been working with GEO and CoreCivic on COVID-19 testing for the residents of Eagle Pass. The guys transferring to Saguaro are being tested upon arrival at the facility. The guys returning to Idaho will be tested prior to their return. I'll provide a little deeper dive into some of the differences between Saguaro and Eagle Pass in my update tomorrow.

Orchard Extension (OREX): We had another small transport today to OREX and added 20 guys to the temporary facility. Things continue to go pretty well out there. It hasn't been without a few hiccups with phones, commissary, property, etc., but staff have done a great job of resolving issues as they surface.

That's all for tonight. Please stay safe and take care of yourself.

Thanks-
Josh