

COVID-19 Update 08.21.2020

Hi All-

Happy Friday! It's been another busy week, and it doesn't look like next week will be any slower. But there are a lot of good things happening, and we're trending in the right direction on a number of fronts.

**Out of State Placement:** Our first group of guys are getting settled at the Saguaro Correctional Center (SCC) in Lima, Arizona. With any move, we keep pretty close tabs on any complaints that crop up from the guys in custody and from their friends, family and loved ones to get a sense of how things are going. At least initially, it appears everyone is mostly complimentary of the food, the facility, the professionalism of the staff, and the recreation facilities. We've had some concerns expressed about property, phones and kiosks, but those are to be expected especially early in the process. Strangely, we've heard some complaints that the cells are cold. Given that it's been 115 degrees down there, it's good to know the AC is working.

Over time, and once everyone gets settled, there are going to be some additional differences people notice between Saguaro and Eagle Pass. The guys there are going to have significantly more opportunities for employment, programming, education, and vocational training opportunities including some opportunities that aren't available here in Idaho like some pretty intensive computer programming courses. They'll also see more operational similarities to how we operate facilities in Idaho, and commissary, phones, and kiosks will all be similar to what is afforded here. Most notably, they'll see a return to movement more in line with how we operate here. The physical plant in Eagle Pass was designed more like a jail than a prison, which limited movement. SCC is a more traditional design similar to ISCC.

We're planning another move from Eagle Pass to SCC next week.

**Staff COVID Update:** We continue in a really encouraging direction as it relates to positive staff cases. Since last week, we've had no additional positive cases.

**Incarcerated Individual Testing and Results:** We wrapped up testing of staff and incarcerated individuals at CAPP this week. We also started testing at ISCI. Next week, we'll finish testing at ISCI and then test at IMSI the following week. We're on track to have tested the entire S. Boise complex by September 2<sup>nd</sup>. It's also encouraging that despite continued mass testing, our new positive cases continues to decline. That's a positive trend that we hope to see continue.

As of this evening, we have conducted 5,301 tests. 3,926 have returned negative, 185 are pending, 46 symptomatic positives, 166 asymptomatic positives, 978 no longer considered active. In Eagle Pass, TX, we're at 24 tested with 17 negative, 4 positive, and 3 pending. Next week, we'll add testing information for Saguaro since the 148 individuals transferred this week have all been tested.

I hope all of you are able to have a great weekend! Please take care of yourself, look out for each other, and stay safe.

Thanks-  
Josh