

## COVID-19 Update 9.30.2020

Hello everyone,

As another month comes to a close, I wanted to look back provide a little perspective on how the pandemic has played out over the past couple of months. Overall, things are trending in a positive direction. The data are good reminder that the precautions we are taking are working and we need to remain vigilant as the pandemic drags on. Here are a few trends that might be of interest:

- When we first started mass testing in June, about 4 out of every 10 people we tested (or 40%) were positive for COVID-19. That percentage has been on a steady decline from June and was approximately 10% in September.
- We have dramatically increased testing capacity in response to positive cases. Between March and June we conducted a total of 389 tests. From July to September we conducted at least 9,075 tests.
- About 90% of positive cases were asymptomatic at the time of testing.
- More than 75% of residents who've testing positive during the pandemic are already recovered.

As always, our current testing numbers can be found on our [website](#). This week, we've retested staff and residents at the IFCRC and SAWC and we're awaiting those results.

- On the staff front, we've had a total of 135 individuals test positive at some point in the crisis and 124 have recovered to date.

The pandemic has also had major impacts on our daily business and, as you know, it's resulted in travel and training restrictions. The leadership teams is cautiously getting back out on the road but we wanted to have some virtual facetime with you all in the coming weeks. We are planning a series of 1-hour townhalls via Zoom in early October. Additional details will come under a separate email, but you should know the meetings will focus on initiatives that are *not* COVID-related. So, if you're suffering from "COVID fatigue," please plan to join a townhall to hear about some of the other exciting things that are happening within our agency. It's actually pretty remarkable that in spite of COVID, we are seeing massive movement on projects related to improving our broadband and wifi capabilities, migrating to electronic C-files, standing up community-based Connection & Intervention Stations and so much more! We hope you'll join us and leave feeling energized about where IDOC is headed.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

Best,  
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