

Warden's Report  
May 2021

Interim Warden Lee Tatum reported the following:

Current Population: 1, 317

County Males: 1,161

County Females: 123

Transfers: 11

Lodgers: 21

Weekenders/Male: 1

Weekenders/ Female: 0

Total commitments for April—506

Total discharges for April— 508

Recidivism rate: 64%

Current COVID-19 infections:

In April, there were 137 inmates tested for COVID-19 and there were 9 new infections. They were predominately asymptomatic cases that were discovered during pre-testing for inter-facility transfers. There were 16 staff members who were tested and there were 10 positive results. There is no random testing protocol for staff members, and they see their own physicians upon symptom onset; which most likely contributed to the high positivity rate among staff members tested.

Total statistics since March 2020:

Total inmates tested: 1,743

Total inmates positive: 178

Total staff tested: 508

Total staff positive: 129

Inmate deaths: 0

Staff deaths: 2

COVID Protocols in-Place:

Sanitation of the jail continues as well as reminders to social distance as best as possible. Emphasis remains on hand washing and mask distribution weekly. Tier exercise protocols continue with no ill effect on the operation to date. Programming continues remotely.

Major Incidents:

A female inmate passed away approximately three days after her admission to the facility. The cause of death is yet to be determined by the coroner. CID's preliminary determination is that there was no foul play.

GTL Update:

There were 510 Video Visits scheduled in April. To date, 3,157 video visits have been scheduled and remain free of charge.

Commissary:

Operations remain normal.

Behavioral Health Update:

Currently, there are 9 people on the Norristown State Hospital wait list and 3 are scheduled for transport this week. In April, there were 67 residents who were discharged to inpatient treatment. There were 22 participants in the Vivitrol Program, and 4 had completed the program. There were 4 additional GED's earned, bringing the year to date total to 9.

Maintenance Update:

The facility tray washing machine needs to be replaced with a quote of \$138,914.44.

Mail Project Initiative:

A recommendation was made to the Jail Oversight Board for the facility to adopt the new mail scanning technology for processing inmate mail. It will significantly reduce contraband from entering the facility. Information packets outlining the program were forwarded to the JOB. Motion made by Ms. Phillips to allow the Warden's office to explore a RFP for mail revision, seconded by Mr. Corson. Motion carried unanimously.