



SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, COUNTY OF NASSAU

Sheriff's Memo

TO: INMATE POPULATION
FROM: JAMES E. DZURENDA, SHERIFF
DATE: January 20, 2021
SUBJECT: COVID UPDATE MINIMIZING EXPOSURE

As many of you may have seen on the news or read in the newspaper, there has been an uptick in COVID-19 cases in our communities over the past several weeks. That same uptick is true for us here at the Correctional Center. The Inmate Health Care Provider has expressed concern about the new strand of COVID being even more contagious. I too share this concern, so once again I urge you all to ensure you have and wear the mask that has been given to you and to reduce your interactions with other inmates, as much as possible.

I also have concerns with the open bar style of the cells and other physically restrictive building designs that we have in B-Building. Narrower walkways, hallways and smaller common areas make it even more difficult to social distance, in order to minimize exposure. I have given staff instructions to close the B-Building and to minimize its use for the time being. We will also be further restricting programs that are being facilitated by volunteers or outside contractors to limit exposure. Also, out of cell time will also be only allowed in smaller numbers to improve social distancing. I have also been informed that the County is anticipating more shipments of vaccines in the near future. Once I receive information that they will be afforded to the inmate population, I will notify you of the procedures and processes to be vaccinated if you so choose.

James E. Dzurenda, Sheriff