

Steps Taken at Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women (KCIW)



KCIW is a multi-custody female prison located in Pewee Valley, Kentucky (Oldham County) with a total inmate population of 643 and a staffing complement of 263.

- The prison has been operating under controlled containment since June 12 and with these measures, we have in essence locked down the prison by dormitory, while still allowing the things most important to inmates such as time for outside individual exercise and to make phone calls and send electronic mail.
- We have a screening process for staff to check for COVID-19 symptoms every day upon entry. Anyone entering a DOC facility is required to sanitize hands, receive a temperature scan, and answer questions regarding recent travel activity and current health symptoms.
- We have significantly increased sanitation at the prison using germicide and a bleach solution multiple times a day. In addition, bottles of germicide and extra soap have been distributed to each inmate.
- Foot sanitation systems have been placed at the front entrance and in the front of each dormitory so inmates and staff can kill any germs on their shoes.
- Cloth masks for inmates and staff were provided in early April. Two extra masks were later provided to ensure the inmates have a fresh one available. Masks are mandatory for all staff and inmates. In addition to the masks, the staff wear gloves and protective gowns in the housing units where positive inmates are housed.
- We have established regular medical checks for all inmates. Our medical staff go to each dormitory and check on the women individually. Medically vulnerable inmates are closely monitored by medical staff and checked regularly throughout the day.
- If any inmate becomes symptomatic for any illness, not just COVID-19, and the prison medical staff cannot handle their care adequately, they are transferred to the hospital.
- Loved ones of those incarcerated can contact KCIW at 502-241-8454 ext. 3334 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. for information. Prison staff are contacting the positive inmates' primary contact to inform them of the test results.
- All media questions should be directed to DOC's communications office: Lisa.Lamb@ky.gov; or Katherine.Williams@ky.gov.