

To Whom it May Concern

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I am writing on behalf of many of us amid this serious Covid-19 pandemic. The passing of each day brings new concerns. It's only been a month since we saw first hand how fast the Norovirus swept through this prison. It was alarming. Every wing on every unit was impacted by this. This was due to poor handling of the situation by the staff. Too little was done too late.

Our concern now is with Covid-19. The precautions being taken are very minimal at best. The staff still have contact with the outside population on a daily basis. That, in itself, puts us at risk. We already know a doctor at Waupun has tested positive so it is a very real possibility the same thing could happen here. If we had a Covid-19 outbreak here, it would be devastating. Much like disease spreading through a concentration camp. We are being housed in a prison

originally designed for half the inmate population it currently houses now. What do people think will happen?

We are people with family and loved ones waiting for us at home. Some of us, like myself, aren't even from this state. I hope nothing happens. On the other hand, is anyone looking at ways to handle an outbreak within the prisons?

Has anyone considered reducing risk by reducing the prison population? Start by putting guidelines in place. For example, you must be a non-violent offender, you must have completed 75% of your time. You must have a place to live. Also, those that are elderly, have health issues and those from other states should be considered. Things could be done to reduce risks. If nothing is done and an outbreak does happen within the prison system, it will be devastating and costly.

Somebody needs to listen and be a voice for us. To not even

take into consideration and address the issue would be irresponsible. People need to start looking into this. I know in Illinois and Minnesota, steps are already being taken. Why not here?

Sincerely
Ross Adee

P.S.

I don't get your on line news letter so if you do respond, you'll have to write. I am interested in writing anyone I can to shed some light on what goes on within the system. A lot of what goes on just isn't right.

