

Dear Ms. Fogg,

10/28/20

I wanted to write and say Thank you for the paper & envelopes you sent recently. It is much appreciated.

I wanted to share the information with you, of the latest Black & Pink - Milwaukee Newsletter. It upsets me because the information they provide is not current, or up to date. They do not show STAFF OR INMATE DATA from W's Resource Center where there are both DOC Staff and inmates there, that I have heard they've had cases there. The bad thing is that I have had to be placed in harm's way of having to deal with a 3rd WAVE of COVID-19, by my being transferred to CCI on September 29, 2020.

The day I arrived at CCI, they put the institution on lock-down. I have been in seg, so I have been unable to get information as to the numbers here at CCI. They don't talk about the "numbers" like they did at GBCI.

W's transfer has been the WORST of all. I fear my safety more so here at CCI than I did at GBCI. The conditions of which I've suffered in the past month, have been worse than the 7 months at GBCI. The staff here refuse to wear face masks - because they've already had COVID-19. They refuse to provide soap in cells to wash hands with & make excuses they are "OUT". They don't allow cell-cleaning. They are LAZY and don't want to allow phone calls. There are anywhere from 10-17 inmates on each tier - for 1 phone, approx. Currently, there are 15 (in DS-2/ "Step 2 & 3"). They leave the phones at one cell for 1-1/2 hours for certain inmates, and never get everyone's phone call completed on 1 shift. We only have 2 days to make calls in seg. Too, if the staff do not like you; They say you only get 3 attempts, or else you lose your call for that day.

The other concerns that piss me off is the phone company that has 2 separate phone "systems". At Waupun (WCI), and CCI, they ~~have~~ have IC Solutions, but the phone "system" is "Century Link". GBCI's company & phone "system" is IC Solutions. What I mean is really, that the phone at CCI (& WCI) uses a PIN, as well as a "voice recognition" ("United States of America"). GBCI only has the 10 digit

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PIN. However, the "voice recognition" is almost impossible to get past. And most often causes us to attempt 3 attempts, causing us to forfeit the call. Too, there is rarely any "make up" calls as staff lie and states that we got through, or call not accepted.

But at GBCI we only had the 10 digit PIN. I really don't understand why it is different, but I honestly believe this is done intentionally, to deny us phonecalls.

As well, the staff DO NOT clean/sanitize the phones like GBCI did. I am working hard on exhausting all my grievances on these issues. I am trying to exhaust every issue, I am finally hoping to go to GP anyday now. I've filed the one complaint at GBCI, but was dismissed the day before my transfer. I would like to send you a copy, but I would like to know if we can send you these documents using legal loan funds?

Aside from the above, I am now being forced to double cell. I am in a cell with Nicholas Dalrymple #1665509 who previously had COVID, and I have been sharing some of the things you've sent.

I've provided you information regarding solitary is not allowing anything but books (w/receipt or invoice, etc.), or materials from internet, etc. I mentioned the "DeStress Project" to my celly, and wanted to ask if you could send him the form for this, so he can better understand this. He is a POEM writer and I thought maybe this would help him while waiting release in February.

Please keep me up to date on everything. Also, let me know if I should send all the complaints, as I would like to be a defendant in the case.

Be SAFE, and take care.

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WRITING PROMPT

Using all of your five senses, describe a world without prisons. What would such a world look like? Smell like? Feel like? Taste like? Sound like? Spend about 500 words describing this world. Use language that is as descriptive and specific as possible. For instance, the word "food" gives a general idea, but the word "peach" gives a more specific idea. "The fuzz of a peach" is even more specific. "The allergic itch of peach skin against my upper lip" feels even more vivid. Once you have finished, walk away from the draft. Later (perhaps the next day), re-read what you wrote and underline your favorite words, phrases, images, and sounds from that poem. Then, put these words and phrases and images into a word bank so that you can re-cycle them. In other words, write something completely new - a poem or story - that uses these words. It can be on any subject you wish, and you can put the words in any order you wish. Embrace nonsense. Make something that you find beautiful, funny, moving, or weird, using your own favorite bank of words.

CONTINUED ACTION AGAINST POLICE

In the two months since our last issue of this newsletter, protests against the police and white supremacy have showed no sign of slowing down. Demonstrations in Milwaukee have continued to occur every day, as has been the case in other cities around the country. Recently the federal Department of Justice declared Portland, Seattle, and New York City "anarchist jurisdictions" on orders from Trump to block funding into "lawless zones". This comes after continuous uprisings against oppression in those cities, even as the wildfires on the west coast have been raging for a month on end.

In one of the most recent displays of the egregious lack of police accountability, a grand jury handed down a decision on indictment regarding the murder of Breonna Taylor on

September 23. Only one of the three Louisville Metro Police Department officers who opened fire on March 13 was indicted, and even then, it was not for his role in her death. Instead, Brett Hankison was indicted for "wanton endangerment" in opening fire from outside her apartment, due to the risk it placed on the people living in the apartment next door. The actions of the other two officers were deemed justified. "Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron said neither Sgt. Jonathan Mattingly nor Detective Myles Cosgrove were indicted Wednesday because Taylor's boyfriend, Kenneth Walker, opened fire before they started shooting" (WSB-TV Atlanta). The lawyer representing her family immediately cried foul. "If Brett Hankison's behavior was wanton endangerment to people in neighboring apartments, then it should have been wanton endangerment in Breonna Taylor's apartment too. In fact, it should have been ruled wanton murder!"

Closer to home, last month saw further uprisings in response to the shooting of Jacob Blake by members of the Kenosha Police Department on August 23. That night saw fires, broken windows, and looting at and around the Kenosha County courthouse. The following day, the county declared a state of emergency and 200 national guard members were deployed. This could not quell the movement, and that same night, a Department of Corrections building burned.

Things quickly turned darker on August 25, when 3 protesters were shot by Kyle Rittenhouse, 2 of whom were killed. Shortly before the shooting, KPD had been filmed giving water to counter-protestor "militias" and saying they appreciated them being there. Kyle was then not only able to walk towards the police line with his hands up despite shouts that he just killed people, he was allowed through the line and got home.

The police response to protests against police brutality only further shows why those protests are necessary in the first place. Day

Wisconsin Department of Corrections Employee Confirmed Cases (Updated 9/25/20)

Division of Adult Institutions	Staff Confirmed*
Bureau of Correctional Enterprises	1
Central Office	3
Chippewa Valley Correctional Treatment Facility	1
Columbia Correctional Institution	15
Dodge Correctional Institution	31
Drug Abuse Correctional Center	4
Felmers O. Chaney Correctional Center	2
Fox Lake Correctional Institution	9
Green Bay Correctional Institution	41
Gordon Correctional Center	1
Jackson Correctional Institution	2
John C. Burke Correctional Center	1
Kenosha Correctional Center	1
Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution	30
Marshall E. Sherrer Correctional Center	2
Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility	24
Milwaukee Women's Correctional Center	11
New Lisbon Correctional Institution	17
Oshkosh Correctional Institution	11
Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution	5
Racine Correctional Institution	25
Racine Youthful Offender Correctional Facility	10
Redgranite Correctional Institution	4
Robert E. Ellsworth Correctional Center	2
Stanley Correctional Institution	3
St. Croix Correctional Center	1
Taycheedah Correctional Institution	10
Waupun Correctional Institution	27
Winnebago Correctional Center	3
Wisconsin Secure Program Facility	2
Division of Adult Institutions Total	300

several prisoners exhibiting flu-like symptoms and/or respiratory complications who are not being tested. Please get in touch if you'd like to speak out about your experiences of incarceration during a global pandemic, especially if you are in an impacted facility.

ATTN: COVID-19 Behind Bars
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FFUP COVID-19 Hotline: 414-207-9691

Forum For Understanding Prisons (FFUP) created a hotline for people in Wisconsin DOC with symptoms who are not getting tested. If you or someone you know is in that situation, call 414-207-9691. A volunteer will ask a series of questions and pass your answers on. We've put funds on that #, so anyone can call.

3/18/2020 to 9/25/2020

Date Filter

COVID-19 Testing and Cases by Facility and Date
 Updated: 9/25/20

	Positive Tests	Negative Tests	Total Tests	Recovered Positive Cases	Released Positive Cases	Active Positive Cases
Black River Correctional Center	1	228	229	1	0	0
Chippewa Valley Correctional Treatment Facility	2	606	608	2	0	0
Columbia Correctional Institution	3	744	747	2	0	0
Copper Lake School/Lincoln Hills School	0	94	94	0	0	1
Dodge Correctional Institution	170	6,529	6,699	113	0	57
Drug Abuse Correctional Center	1	380	381	0	1	0
Felmers O. Chaney Correctional Center	19	128	147	18	1	0
Flambeau Correctional Center	0	174	174	0	0	0
Fox Lake Correctional Institution	0	1,490	1,490	0	0	0
Gordon Correctional Center	6	86	92	1	0	5
Green Bay Correctional Institution	304	2,432	2,736	286	4	14
Grow Academy	0	2	2	0	0	0
Jackson Correctional Institution	3	1,824	1,827	3	0	0
John C. Burke Correctional Center	0	283	283	0	0	0
Kenosha Correctional Center	0	102	102	0	0	0
Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution	122	2,473	2,595	39	3	80
Marshall E. Sherrer Correctional Center	5	46	51	5	0	0
McNaughton Correctional Center	0	106	106	0	0	0
Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility	21	1,667	1,688	14	7	0
Milwaukee Womens Correctional Center	22	169	191	21	1	0
New Lisbon Correctional Institution	55	2,103	2,158	52	0	3
Oakhill Correctional Institution	0	885	885	0	0	0
Oregon Correctional Center	0	232	232	0	0	0
Oshkosh Correctional Institution	27	2,357	2,384	9	0	18
Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution	0	630	630	0	0	0
Racine Correctional Institution/Sturtevant Transitional Facility	115	5,183	5,298	108	1	6
Racine Youthful Offender Correctional Facility	0	532	532	0	0	0
Redgranite Correctional Institution	2	1,247	1,249	2	0	0
Robert E. Ellsworth Correctional Center	1	531	532	0	1	0
Sanger B. Powers Correctional Center	0	166	166	0	0	0
St. Croix Correctional Center	1	117	118	1	0	0
Stanley Correctional Institution	0	1,896	1,896	0	0	0
Taycheedah Correctional Institution	0	1,155	1,155	0	0	0
Thompson Correctional Center	0	133	133	0	0	0
Waupun Correctional Institution	228	1,114	1,342	228	0	0
Winnebago Correctional Center	0	294	294	0	0	0
Wisconsin Secure Program Facility	0	464	464	0	0	0
Grand Total	1,108	38,602	39,710	905	19	184

*Test results are displayed in blue
 Cases are displayed in orange*

** The sum of Recovered Positive Cases, Released Positive Cases, and Active Positive Cases equals the sum of Positive Tests.*

COVID-19 INFORMATION

here.

I'm a man that loves my partner and friend's
trying to always make them proud
Mourning their losses still, years later
"Who Am I"

I Am A Man that loves and fears God,
Always striving to do the right thing
I Am A Man who work hard to provide for
my family and faithful to my partner
"Who AM I"

I AM Man Who Volunteers to help the
Elders who are in need.
I Am a pet lover, finding comfort and solace in
the serenity of our pets.
I not asking anyone to forget the mistakes I
made.

But please Remember, It's not who I Am.

Brother's Despair

by Virgil Marison

Brother, our brother, why do you cry?
What are these tears that we want to dry?
You weep for humanity?
You fear for its sanity?
All the pain and war?
All the starving and poor?

Brother, our brother, what can we do?
Tell us how, so that we may help you!
What can we do to make it all better?
How can we make your burden a feather?
Tell us what will dry your tears
And prevent their fall in future years.

Brother, our brother, we must not fight?
Nor war, nor hurt others for spite?
We must stop our senseless hoarding
And work to feed the poor and starving?
And what about the way we live?
Why must we tolerate others and give?

Brother, our brother, why do you turn your
back?
What have you found that we must lack?
Brother, please, we don't understand
Why despair fills the burdened way you stand.
Tell us, Brother, why should we change?
Why must we learn a way of life that's strange?

Numbers

According to the Wisconsin Department of
Health Services, as of September 27, 2020, there
have been 115,862 positive cases of COVID-
19, with 7,095 people having been hospital-
ized. This is an increase of 2,217 positive cases
from the previous day. There have also been
1,399,218 negative test results, for a total of
1,515,080 tests performed and a positive rate of
approximately 7%. An estimated 1,281 deaths
are attributed to COVID-19 in the state. In to-
tal, an estimated 82.4% of the population test-
ing positive in Wisconsin have recovered from
COVID-19.

The DOC reports a cumulative total of 1,108
incarcerated people testing positive, with 905
of those having recovered. Unfortunately, we
know people in prison are denied COVID-19
tests and that it is impossible to socially distance
given the conditions and structures of confine-
ment. The DOC is also reported to be moving
people between facilities without waiting for
test results, which actively promotes the sprea
of the virus. Recent outbreaks have taken place
in the past month, with 135 positive test re-
sults on August 21. Outbreaks have centered
in Green Bay, Dodge, Kettle Moraine, Racine,
Oshkosh and New Lisbon.

As of September 25, 2020, 338 WI DOC staff
have reporting testing positive for COVID-19,
with 263 having recovered. See chart on next
page, as well as 30 positive cases in the Divi-
sion of Community Corrections and 8 at Cop-
per Lake/Lincoln Hills prison for children. Staff
numbers are self-reported, so there are likely
higher numbers due to underreporting.

See
chart

COVID-19 Behind Bars

COVID-19 Behind Bars is an independent
journalism project tracking jails, prisons, deten-
tion centers, and other facilities of incarcera-
tion impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. An
impacted area may not have confirmed pos-
itive cases of COVID-9, but they may have