

LACKAWANNA COUNTY PRISON

1371 North Washington Avenue

Scranton, Pennsylvania 18509

570.963.6639(p)

570.496.1745(f)



Timothy M. Betti – Warden

David M. Langan – Deputy Warden

Subject: COVID-19 Preventative Actions

To: All Staff

From: Timothy M. Betti, Warden

Date: 3/13/2020

The Lackawanna County Prison is imposing new procedures designed to prevent the introduction of the coronavirus (COVID-19) to the facility via a series of memorandums. Actions taken to date are:

1. we have suspended contact visits and regular visitation
2. we have implemented an aggressive sanitation program
3. we have authorized staff to carry alcohol based hand sanitizer (2 ounces or less)
4. we have cleared out two housing units to utilize IF necessary
5. we have been in weekly contact with officials from the PA DOC to discuss measures to be taken now and in the future
6. we have had educational flyers posted in the blocks and in our Reception area
7. we have shared information with the Sheriffs Dept, Adult Probation and Parole, and the Court system to increase inter-departmental communications.
8. we have cancelled future conferences and out of county trainings
9. we are developing a contingency plan for temporarily moving to running the facility with two 12 hour shifts instead of three 8 hour shifts in the event that an outbreak occurs locally.
10. We are suspending visitation from volunteers, including religious leaders. This will be expanded on in the following page.

As of today, March 13, 2020 there are no known cases of the virus or its associated illness, COVID-19, among staff of the prison or inmates held at the Lackawanna County Prison. However, the procedures that are being rolled out are aimed at mitigating the potential introduction and spread of COVID-19 and are aimed at improving access to care for any staff or inmates who may become symptomatic.

LACKAWANNA COUNTY PRISON

1371 North Washington Avenue

Scranton, Pennsylvania 18509

570.963.6639(p)

570.496.1745(f)



Timothy M. Betti – Warden

David M. Langan – Deputy Warden

Effective as of 1600 hours today, 3/13/2020:

All programs that utilize “outside” employees are temporarily suspended until further notice.

The only individuals allowed past the Reception desk area are Lackawanna County Prison staff, medical staff (Correctional Care Inc.), food service staff (ARAMARK), inmate attorneys (can only meet through the glass of a lawyer visitation room unless written permission is granted from the Warden or Deputy Warden, and members of the Pennsylvania Prison Society (if on official PPS business)