Additional COVID-19 cases at Lansing Correctional Facility

(KNZA)--A fourth staff member and the first inmate at the Lansing Correctional Facility have tested positive for COVID-19, prompting operational changes within the facility.

According to a news release from the Kansas Department of Corrections, the newest staff member infected is a male over the age of 20, and the inmate is a male over age 50.

Kansas Department of Corrections Secretary Jeff Zmuda announced the cases and the changes Saturday.

In response to the new cases, the release says a "modified operational schedule" has been put in place at facility following consultation with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment

The additional steps include:

- * Reduced movement of residents so that they will remain in their units, but are not locked down in cells
- * Necessary movement to recreation or jobs will occur primarily in groups, or cohorts, from the same unit.
- * Staffing has been modified due to increased absences

The first three infected staff members were announced on March 31. At the time, no movement was restricted at the facility.

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