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## COVID-19 Survey Results: Big Muddy Correctional Center

The John Howard Association (JHA) is an independent citizen correctional oversight organization that goes into prisons to monitor conditions of confinement and treatment of people who are incarcerated; we fight for a fair and humane system and for government transparency and accountability. For 119 years we have been the eyes and ears of the public inside Illinois' prisons, reporting what we see, hear and learn inside facilities and using this information to recommend policy and practice changes and advocate for system reform.

It is critical that we know and understand how people in prison are experiencing the COVID-19 health crisis and what the government must do to meet the health needs of people in prison. To further this end, JHA launched a special system-wide COVID-19 survey to enable us to hear directly from those who are in prisons about prison conditions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The survey results reported herein indicate how 698 people imprisoned at Big Muddy Correctional Center responded to survey items contained within the COVID-19 survey during the time frame of April 24<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup> 2020. As of April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020, there were 1,149 people imprisoned at Big Muddy. Thus, this sample of survey respondents consists of 60.75% of Big Muddy's prison population. COVID-19 surveys that were completed after May 20<sup>th</sup> will be accounted for in JHA's work and analyses conducted in the future, but are not reported below.

JHA provided prison administrators with enough survey packets (COVID-19 survey, informed consent notice/instruction sheet, and business reply envelope addressed to JHA) so that every person imprisoned at Big Muddy had an opportunity to participate in the COVID-19 survey if they chose to do so. Because some people who submitted a survey did not answer all questions within the survey, the count of people who responded to each question is less than the overall sample of 698.

The results of the surveys JHA collected from people imprisoned at Big Muddy Correctional Center are tabulated on the pages that follow.

## Tables of Results by Individual Survey Items:

<b>Q1: How did you get information from IDOC about COVID 19 prevention?</b>		
Paper bulletin on unit	447	64.04%
Inmate info channel on TV	175	25.07%
Verbal communication by staff	70	10.03%
Other	172	24.64%
I did not get this information	28	4.01%
Total does not add to 100% for this question because more than one answer could be selected		

<b>Q2: Did you have enough soap to regularly wash your hands in the last week?</b>		
No	172	18.59%
Yes	535	78.33%
Unsure	21	3.07%
Total	683	100.0%
No response: 15 (2.10%)		

<b>Q3: How often did you get cleaning chemicals from IDOC to clean your cell/sleeping area in the last week (examples: soap, bleach, Citral Green or peroxide)?</b>		
Once a day	45	6.67%
2 to 3 times last week	44	6.52%
Once last week	81	12.00%
None	505	74.81%
Total	675	100.0%
No response: 23 (3.30%)		

<b>Q4: Did you get enough cleaning chemicals to thoroughly clean your cell/sleeping area in the last week?</b>		
No, I did not get enough to make cell clean	106	15.77%
Yes	64	9.52%
Unsure	14	2.08%
No, I did not get any cleaning chemicals	488	72.62%
Total	672	100.0%
No response: 26 (3.70%)		

<b>Q5: Did the common areas you have access to get cleaned at least two times a day in the last week (examples: dayrooms, showers)?</b>		
No	69	10.19%
Some areas cleaned, but not all	208	30.72%
Yes, all areas were cleaned	312	46.09%
Unsure	88	13.00%
Total	677	100.0%
No response: 21 (3.00%)		

<b>Q6: Have you tried to get medical care because of COVID-19 in the last week?</b>		
No, because I did not want to	19	2.77%
No, because I was not sick	608	88.76%
Yes, but no response from staff	36	5.26%
Yes, and staff responded	22	3.21%
Total	685	100.0%
No response: 13 (1.90%)		

<b>Q7: Would you tell IDOC staff (medical or security) if you were sick because of COVID-19?</b>		
No	49	7.13%
Yes	564	82.10%
Unsure	74	10.77%
Total	687	100.0%
No response: 11 (1.60%)		

<b>Q8: Did you go to yard at least once in the last week?</b>		
No, not allowed to	129	19.14%
No, did not want to	149	22.11%
Yes	396	58.75%
Total	674	100.0%
No response: 24 (3.40%)		

<b>Q9a: Did the inmates around you follow good health practices in the last week by washing their hands often?</b>		
No	132	19.38%
Yes	208	30.54%
Unsure	341	50.07%
Total	681	100.0%
No response: 17 (2.40%)		

<b>Q9b: Did the inmates around you follow good health practices in the last week by covering their mouth with inside of arm when coughing/sneezing?</b>		
No	213	31.93%
Yes	206	30.88%
Unsure	248	37.18%
Total	667	100.0%
No response: 31 (4.40%)		

<b>Q9c: Did the inmates around you follow good health practices in the last week by cleaning shared items after use (example: phones)?</b>		
No	191	28.64%
Yes	311	46.63%
Unsure	165	24.74%
Total	667	100.0%
No response: 31 (4.40%)		

<b>Q9d: Did the inmates around you follow good health practices in the last week by staying at least 6 feet away from others when possible?</b>		
No	335	50.45%
Yes	239	35.99%
Unsure	90	13.55%
Total	664	100.0%
No response: 34 (4.90%)		

<b>Q10a: Did you follow good health practices in the last week by washing your hands of</b>		
No	16	2.33%
Yes	666	96.80%
Unsure	6	0.87%
Total	688	100.0%
No response: 10 (1.40%)		

<b>Q10b: Did you follow good health practices in the last week by covering your mouth with inside of arm when coughing/sneezing?</b>		
No	23	3.37%
Yes	651	95.31%
Unsure	9	1.32%
Total	683	100.0%
No response: 15 (2.10%)		

<b>Q10c: Did you follow good health practices in the last week by cleaning shared items after use (example: phones)?</b>		
No	167	24.89%
Yes	475	70.79%
Unsure	29	4.32%
Total	671	100.0%
No response: 27 (3.90%)		

<b>Q10d: Did you follow good health practices in the last week by staying at least 6 feet away from others when possible?</b>		
No	174	26.17%
Yes	458	68.87%
Unsure	33	4.96%
Total	665	100.0%
No response: 33 (4.70%)		

<b>Q11: Could you take a shower at least 3 times last week?</b>		
No	58	8.41%
Yes	632	91.59%
Total	690	100.0%
No response: 17 (3.10%)		

<b>Q12: Did you get laundry service in the last week (whites and blues)?</b>		
No, was not offered	10	1.46%
No, do not want to use laundry service	7	1.02%
Yes, and my laundry was cleaned	535	78.33%
Yes, but they did not use detergent	131	19.18%
Total	683	100.0%
No response: 15 (2.10%)		

<b>Q13: Did you get at least one free phone call in the last week?</b>		
No	328	49.85%
Yes	177	26.90%
Yes, but the call cut out early	30	4.56%
This does not apply to me	123	18.69%
Total	658	100.0%
No response: 40 (5.70%)		

<b>Q14: Did you get a free video visit in the last week?</b>		
No	335	50.07%
Yes, and it worked	63	9.42%
Yes, but bad service/ cut short	61	9.12%
This does not apply to me	210	31.39%
Total	669	100.0%
No response: 29 (4.20%)		

<b>Q15: Could you send and get mail in the last week?</b>		
No	57	8.42%
Yes	586	86.56%
This does not apply to me	34	5.02%
Total	677	100.0%
No response: 21 (3.00%)		

<b>Q16: Did commissary run on schedule this week?</b>		
Yes, full shop	54	7.86%
Yes, limited shop	593	86.32%
Yes, but not my unit's shop week	12	1.75%
No	28	4.08%
Total	687	100.0%
No response: 11 (1.60%)		