

## COVID-19 Survey Results: Lincoln 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 404 people imprisoned at Lincoln 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 893 people imprisoned at Lincoln. Thus, this sample of survey respondents consists of 45.24% of Lincoln'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 Lincoln 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 404.

The results of the surveys JHA collected from people imprisoned at Lincoln 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	174	43.07%
Inmate info channel on TV	118	29.21%
Verbal communication by staff	123	30.45%
Other	80	19.80%
I did not get this information	32	7.92%
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	43.88%
Yes	192	48.98%
Unsure	28	7.14%
Total	392	100%
No response: 12 (2.97%)		

<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	97	24.87%
2 to 3 times last week	31	7.95%
Once last week	51	13.08%
None	211	54.10%
Total	390	100%
No response: 14 (3.47%)		

<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	100	25.51%
Yes	73	18.62%
Unsure	20	5.10%
No, I did not get any cleaning chemicals	199	50.77%
Total	392	100%
No response: 12 (2.97%)		

<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	83	20.96%
Some areas cleaned, but not all	179	45.20%
Yes, all areas were cleaned	100	25.25%
Unsure	34	8.59%
Total	396	100%
No response: 8 (1.98%)		

<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	20	5.14%
No, because I was not sick	288	74.04%
Yes, but no response from staff	64	16.45%
Yes, and staff responded	17	4.37%
Total	389	100%
No response: 15 (3.71%)		

<b>Q7: Would you tell IDOC staff (medical or security) if you were sick because of COVID-19?</b>		
No	26	6.55%
Yes	339	85.39%
Unsure	32	8.06%
Total	397	100%
No response: 7 (1.73%)		

<b>Q8: Did you go to yard at least once in the last week?</b>		
No, not allowed to	205	52.30%
No, did not want to	93	23.72%
Yes	94	23.98%
Total	392	100%
No response: 12 (2.97%)		

<b>Q9a: Did the inmates around you follow good health practices in the last week by washing their hands often?</b>		
No	200	52.36%
Yes	86	22.51%
Unsure	96	25.13%
Total	382	100%
No response: 22 (5.45%)		

<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	239	62.40%
Yes	74	19.32%
Unsure	70	18.28%
Total	383	100%
No response: 21 (5.20%)		

<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	176	46.81%
Yes	135	35.90%
Unsure	65	17.29%
Total	376	100%
No response: 28 (6.93%)		

<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	315	82.68%
Yes	42	11.02%
Unsure	24	6.30%
Total	381	100%
No response: 23 (5.69%)		

<b>Q10a: Did you follow good health practices in the last week by washing your hands often?</b>		
No	21	5.44%
Yes	363	94.04%
Unsure	2	0.52%
Total	386	100%
No response: 18 (4.46%)		

<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	5.94%
Yes	360	93.02%
Unsure	4	1.03%
Total	387	100%
No response: 17 (4.21%)		

<b>Q10c: Did you follow good health practices in the last week by cleaning shared items after use (example: phones)?</b>		
No	58	15.06%
Yes	316	82.08%
Unsure	11	2.86%
Total	385	100%
No response: 19 (4.70%)		

<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	189	50.00%
Yes	167	44.18%
Unsure	22	5.82%
Total	378	100%
No response: 26 (6.44%)		

<b>Q11: Could you take a shower at least 3 times last week?</b>		
No	29	7.30%
Yes	368	92.70%
Total	397	100%
No response: 7 (1.73%)		

<b>Q12: Did you get laundry service in the last week (whites and blues)?</b>		
No, was not offered	34	8.92%
No, do not want to use laundry service	2	0.52%
Yes, and my laundry was cleaned	288	75.59%
Yes, but they did not use detergent	57	14.96%
Total	381	100%
No response: 23 (5.69%)		

<b>Q13: Did you get at least one free phone call in the last week?</b>		
No	263	68.49%
Yes	86	22.40%
Yes, but the call cut out early	8	2.08%
This does not apply to me	27	7.03%
Total	384	100%
No response: 20 (4.95%)		

<b>Q14: Did you get a free video visit in the last week?</b>		
No	239	62.40%
Yes, and it worked	43	11.23%
Yes, but bad service/ cut short	42	10.97%
This does not apply to me	59	15.40%
Total	383	100%
No response: 21 (5.20%)		

<b>Q15: Could you send and get mail in the last week?</b>		
No	57	14.84%
Yes	314	81.77%
This does not apply to me	13	3.39%
Total	384	100%
No response: 20 (4.95%)		

<b>Q16: Did commissary run on schedule this week?</b>		
Yes, full shop	26	6.70%
Yes, limited shop	257	66.24%
Yes, but not my unit's shop week	25	6.44%
No	80	20.62%
Total	388	100%
No response: 16 (3.96%)		