

COVID-19 UPDATE
SAN QUENTIN STATE PRISON
EAST BLOCK / DEATH ROW

3-30-2020

Revolutionary Greetings! I pray you are all well? I have been watching the news and I know that everyone out there is going through a hard time. Things are just as hard in here.

On March 27, 2020 we received a memo from the warden stating that a San Quentin prison guard had tested positive for the Corona-virus. This is troubling news but we all knew that it was just a matter of time before we would receive such confirmation. To be honest, most of the prisoners are of the belief that staff had introduced the virus into the prison about a month prior when many prisoners began coming down with COVID-19 like symptoms that medical staff would later dismiss as a bad "flu."

On March 28, 2020 we were taken off of our modified program and placed back on a full scale lockdown and quarantine. We are unsure how long this 24 hour a day lockdown will last but I will be sure to keep everyone abreast. I am enclosing a copy of the memo. Lastly, this incident inspired me to write an essay entitled: CORONAVIRUS, The Invisible

Enemy Behind Enemy Lines. find the link
on the website.

I will write again as soon as I have
additional information, until then everyone
stay safe.

In Solidarity,
Tim Young

Memorandum

Date : March 27, 2020

To : San Quentin Inmates

Subject: **A MESSAGE TO ALL INMATES FROM WARDEN (A) R. BROOMFIELD AND
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (A) M. VERDIER**

On Thursday, March 26, 2020, we learned that a member of our staff has tested positive for COVID-19. We want to assure you custody and health care staff are working closely together to keep everyone at San Quentin safe.

The Marin County Department of Public Health has been notified and a contact investigation is underway to ensure those who may have come into contact with this individual are notified.


We will continue to screen all individuals every time they enter a facility or CDCR office. Persons showing any symptoms of respiratory illness are not permitted to enter.


We have the utmost faith in our health care, custody, and administrative professionals to protect this institution – and this community – from this virus. These are challenging times for all of California, and it is understood and expected that you are concerned for your health. We are doing all we can to keep everybody safe.

We are in communication with the CDCR Department Operations Center and Marin County Public Health, and will continue to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and California Department of Public Health guidelines for responding to COVID-19.

Heightened anxiety is all but inevitable in these stressful, unprecedented times, and there is no immediate relief in sight. However, it is important to remember you are not alone, and there are resources available to you.

Thank you all for your understanding and patience. We are all working together to keep the entire CDCR Community safe and well.


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Warden (A)
San Quentin State Prison


MATT VERDIER
Chief Executive Officer (A)
San Quentin State Prison