

COVID-19 UPDATE

S. Q. S. P.

Revolutionary Greetings!

5.3.2020

On April 15, 2020 a memo was put out stating that prisoners would be receiving cloth masks. It also alluded to the fact that staff had begun wearing masks or cloth face covers. (see document.)

The following day, on April 16, 2020 the administration responded to my 602 appeal about Covid-19 prevention measures by partially granting it. As of today's date, every prisoner in San Quentin has received a cloth mask, and staff members are making a greater effort to wear face covers. I accomplished most of what I set out to do, so I will have to consider this a win and move on. (see docs.)

Closing on a high note, I would like to report that the Prison University Project, the organization that runs the College Program at San Quentin just recently issued a gift package to every prisoner in San Quentin. The package was thoughtful, timely, and consisted of a pouch of jerky, salmon, trail mix, a bar of soap, stationary, and some Covid-19 articles, to which I thoroughly enjoyed. I thank them, and I encourage everyone to see the attached document. In Solidarity,
Tim Young

→ **EMERGENCY 602**

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Institution/Parole Region: Log #: Category:
SO-A-20-01657 9

FOR STAFF USE ONLY

You may appeal any California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) decision, action, condition, policy or regulation that has a material adverse effect upon your welfare and for which there is no other prescribed method of departmental review/remedy available. See California Code of Regulations, Title 15, (CCR) Section 3084.1. You must send this appeal and any supporting documents to the Appeals Coordinator (AC) within 30 calendar days of the event that lead to the filing of this appeal. If additional space is needed, only one CDCR Form 602-A will be accepted. Refer to CCR 3084 for further guidance with the appeal process. No reprisals will be taken for using the appeal process.

Appeal is subject to rejection if one row of text per line is exceeded.

WRITE, PRINT, or TYPE CLEARLY in black or blue ink.

Name (Last, First): Young, Timothy	CDC Number: F23374	Unit/Cell Number: 4EY-15	Assignment:
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State briefly the subject of your appeal (Example: damaged TV, job removal, etc.):

Lack of CORONAVIRUS equipment and prevention measures.

A. Explain your issue (If you need more space, use Section A of the CDCR 602-A): We are in the midst of a worldwide pandemic, a national emergency, a shelter in place order, and visits have been cancelled statewide. It has been confirmed that staff has tested positive for COVID-19. Myself and other prisoners have not been provided an N95 mask, gloves, bleach, etc.

B. Action requested (If you need more space, use Section B of the CDCR 602-A): In order to prevent the spreading of the Coronavirus to those who are most vulnerable, I am requesting that staff be required to wear a N95 mask at all times. And, that prisoners be provided a N95 mask, gloves, and bleach, and that they be allowed to change them out as needed.

Supporting Documents: Refer to CCR 3084.3.

Yes, I have attached supporting documents.

List supporting documents attached (e.g., CDC 1083, Inmate Property Inventory; CDC 128-G, Classification Chrono):

Memo attached

No, I have not attached any supporting documents. Reason:

Inmate/Parolee Signature: Tim Young Date Submitted: 3-30-2020

By placing my initials in this box, I waive my right to receive an interview.

INMATE APPEALS OFFICE
 CALIFORNIA STATE PRISON
 SAN QUENTIN, CA 94964

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C. First Level - Staff Use Only

Staff - Check One: Is CDCR 602-A Attached? Yes No

This appeal has been:

Bypassed at the First Level of Review. Go to Section E.

Rejected (See attached letter for instruction) Date: _____ Date: _____ Date: _____ Date: _____

Cancelled (See attached letter) Date: _____

Accepted at the First Level of Review.

Assigned to: SPECIALIZED HOUSING Title: AW Date Assigned: 4/2/20 Date Due: 5/14/20

First Level Responder: Complete a First Level response. Include Interviewer's name, title, interview date, location, and complete the section below.

Date of Interview: 4/15/20 N/A Interview Location: N/A WAIVED INTERVIEW

Your appeal issue is: Granted Granted in Part Denied Other:

See attached letter. If dissatisfied with First Level response, complete Section D.

Interviewer: SANTON Title: SCAT Signature: [Signature] Date completed: 4/16/20

Reviewer: Y.I. Samara Title: AW Signature: [Signature]

Date received by AC: **APR 23 2020**

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 Date mailed/delivered to appellant: **APR 24 2020**

Memorandum

Date : APRIL 16, 2020

To : YOUNG, F23374

Subject : FIRST LEVEL OF REVIEW RESPONSE TO APPEAL #SQ-A-20-01057

APPEAL ISSUE:
LIVING CONDITIONS

SUMMARY OF APPEAL:

You contend that in the midst of a national emergency, unidentified staff confirmed to have the Covid-19 virus and you have not been provided mask, gloves, bleach etc. You are requesting that all staff are required to wear N95 mask, as well as providing inmates N95 mask, gloves, and bleach.

DECISION:
PARTICALLY GRANTED

INTERVIEWED BY:

Correctional Sergeant (Sgt.) W. Stanton, was assigned as the First Level Reviewer (FLR). You waived your right to an interview by initials in box By Placing my initials in the box, I waive my right to receive an interview.

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION:

The reviewer identified any accommodations necessary for communication with you by means of the Strategic Offender Management System (SOMS). You are not a participant in the Mental Health Services Delivery Systems (MHSDS). You are neither a participant in the Disability Placement Program (DPP) nor the Developmentally Disabled Program (DDP). Your TABE score is not available due to your condemned status.

The reviewer confirmed effective communication was established in that you provided appropriate answers to questions asked and asked appropriate questions pertaining to the appeal issue(s) and/or the appeal process. Clear and simple English was spoken to you and you were able to repeat back in your own words that you understood the appeal process.

APPEAL DISCUSSION:

As stated previously, you initialed to waive your right to receive an interview. Based on the thoroughly written 602, no questions were necessary by the FLR, thus an interview was not required for this appeal.

DECISION:

Based on the information provided, the appeal is **PARTIALLY GRANTED** at the First Level of Review.

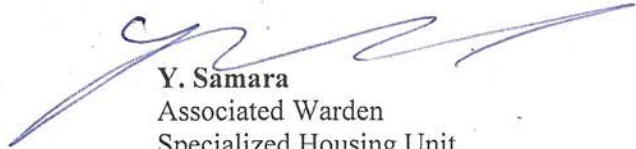
Per the Marin Health & Human Services, employees are recommended to wear a N95 mask when in close contact with at-risk individuals, and a face covering when not in close contact with at-risk individual. While supplies at the moment are depleted around the country, this is only a recommendation and not a requirement. Your request for N95 mask and gloves daily is **DENIED**.

If an inmate experience symptoms of influenza, inmates and staff will be provided proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), essential to not spread the virus. This part of the appeal is **GRANTED**. Block workers are cleaning and sanitizing the entire unit (Locks, handles, doors, railings etc.) daily as well to eliminate any potential for any virus to spread. Extra supplies are passed out every Saturday, which consist of Cell block and a bar of soap. Cleaning bucket is available from your tear officer at your request daily.

If dissatisfied with the First Level Response, you may submit the appeal for a Second Level Review, as described in CCR 3084.7, provided the time limits pursuant to CCR 3084.8 are met.

APPLICABLE DOCUMENTATION / POLICY / EVIDENCE CONSIDERED IN APPEAL DISCUSSION:

CCR 3084: Appeals
Various CDCR memos
Marin Health & Human Services Covid-19 Guidance



Y. Samara
Associated Warden
Specialized Housing Unit
San Quentin State Prison

April 15, 2020

Dear Patients,

We are now more than three weeks into Governor Newsom's Shelter-In-Place order. It will continue at least until May 3rd. Currently, there are over 23,000 COVID-19 cases identified across California. The good news is that it appears the Shelter-In-Place order is helping to Flatten The Curve/prevent infections. The CDCR has reported COVID-19 cases among officers and inmates across California. At the time of this letter, we have had no cases among our patients.

Please know we are making every effort to keep you as safe as possible. One way we are doing this is to medically isolate anyone who is showing symptoms that could be consistent with COVID-19. This is the same as the recommended approach in the community. By temporarily removing the person who is showing signs of being ill, we reduce the risk that others around them get infected too. As lab test results come back faster, we will be able to release people back to housing sooner.

When someone has been in close contact with someone who is ill, or has visited a place such as the emergency department where there is a high likelihood of exposure to persons who are ill, we place that person in quarantine. This allows the person who is at increased risk of becoming ill themselves to be monitored closely and prevents them from infecting others if they become ill.

It is very important that you seek medical care if you have symptoms of illness including fever, cough, fatigue, shortness of breath, body aches, gastrointestinal issue or changes in taste/smell. As always, it is important that you seek medical care for any new significant symptoms.

The COVID-19 virus is spread by droplets when an infected person is coughing or talking near to you or when you touch something that has the virus on it. Therefore, the best tools we all have to stay safe continue to be:

- Social Distancing- try to keep 6 feet away from other people
- Hand Hygiene- washing hands frequently especially after touching high touch objects such as a phone, playing cards or a hand rail
- Cough etiquette- cough inside your elbow
- Avoid touching your nose, eyes, mouth with unwashed hands

You may also notice that many staff are wearing masks or cloth face covers. This is intended to keep you and other staff safe. PIA is currently working very hard to make cloth masks for the inmate population. They will be distributed soon.

This is a stressful time for all people across the globe. Please continue to be kind and patient with each other. We are all in this together.

Sincerely,

San Quentin Medical Providers