To: Men and Women in Custody  
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Subject: Positive COVID-19 Cases

The Illinois Department of Corrections is committed to ensuring you feel safe and informed during this difficult time. In an effort to remain as transparent as possible, we will continue to provide you with updates about the Department’s response to COVID-19.

On March 24, 2020, the Department identified its first positive cases of COVID-19. Three staff and three men in custody have tested positive for COVID-19. The affected facilities are Stateville Correctional Center, Sheridan Correctional Center, and North Lawndale Adult Transition Center.

We have a team of medical professionals and security specialists working around the clock to protect your health and safety. Please do your part by following all guidelines being put forth by the Department. These guidelines closely follow the Centers for Disease Control and the Illinois Department of Public Health protocols.

We recognize you are likely feeling nervous about this evolving situation. Please know we are working diligently to stop the spread of COVID-19 in the Department. Continue to practice good health habits and social distancing. Together, we will overcome this health crisis.