



COVID-19 UPDATES: GREEN OAKS REOPENS; GRIEVANCES FILED

- There have been 240 cases confirmed among MDOC staff and 917 among inmates. [MDOC posts the latest numbers here.](#)

- The vacant Green Oaks Correctional Facility in Whitmore Lake opened today to house some of the inmates who have COVID-19. ARU members, DRC officers, and volunteers from other work sites are staffing the facility.

- MCO has filed two grievances with the Michigan Civil Service Commission. One challenges the forced use of leave credits for employer-required quarantines. The other concerns members who have been assigned to different work sites without 96 hours notice. According to MCSC rules, these members are entitled to overtime compensation for hours worked outside of their normal schedule in the pay period of the transfer. If you have been affected by either issue, please notify your MCO chapter leaders. Also, if you have been forced to use your leave credits, [let the MCO Legal Department know.](#)

- As previously reported, MCO has filed an et al. grievance related to the health screenings that have been instituted prior to the beginning of shifts. MCO leaders believe these qualify as

Pre-Shift meetings per Article 34.

- We are still asking members who have tested positive to contact our outside law firm. Call The Law Offices of Charters, Tyler, Zack & Shearer, P. C. at (248) 321-4474. Advise them that you are a state corrections officer and contracted the virus. Please fill out the [MCO Legal Department's reporting form](#), then call the law office.

- The [Employee Service Program \(ESP\)](#) and Traumatic Incident Stress Management (TISM) are still available to staff during the pandemic. The [International Critical Incident Stress Foundation](#) has a COVID-19 resource page with lots of information to help first responders deal with this crisis.

- MCO is sharing members' stories, like [this one from a Carson City officer](#) and [this one from a Thumb CO](#), on our social media channels. MCO wants to hear your story. We're trying to get videos of members describing the sacrifices they and their families are making during this pandemic. If you can make a video, please contact MCO Communications Director [Anita Lloyd](#).

MCO leaders and staff thank all members for their dedication in this challenging time, unlike any other we've faced. We are fighting for you. Stay safe.

AROUND THE STATE: OFFICERS ASSAULTED AT MBP, IBC

A Level V Marquette inmate punched a probationary officer and pushed her around his cell in an attempted sexual assault.

The CO was letting him back into his cell when he grabbed her shirt and pulled her into the cell. He struck her and pushed her, causing her to hit her head. She screamed for help and officers responded.

The same day, another prisoner in the same unit punched a different CO in the head during a shakedown.

A Bellamy Creek officer is recovering after being punched in the head by a Level IV inmate.

A prison counselor sent back the inmate's commissary order because of an unauthorized sender.

The inmate became enraged, returned to his cell, and retrieved a weapon. He was then stopped by responding officers while trying to exit the room. In the ensuing altercation, one officer was punched in the head several times, resulting in a mild concussion. The weapon was retrieved safely by a probationary officer.

The inmate had been sent to detention the week before for other behavior-related issues.

Corrections officers must be constantly vigilant and ready to respond to staff assaults, inmate fights, and other emergencies. Their job requires them to run toward danger, not away from it. We thank the officers who responded to these incidents to keep staff safe.

Please join us in hoping for quick recoveries for these COs.

IN MEMORIAM: CO MARY ANN HOCKING



Mary Ann Hocking, a long-serving MCO chapter official and Executive Board member, passed away April 16.

Hocking retired in 2008 after 33 years with the MDOC. She was a union leader for about 20 years. She worked at Muskegon Correctional Facility and was

the facility's CO of the year for 2007.

[Information on services may be posted here.](#)

Rest in peace, Officer Hocking.



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