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To: John T. Rathman, Warden

From: Art Reynaldo, Executive Vice-President Local 501

Subject: Inmate Movement due to Swine Influenza

Due to the Current Swine Flu ( H1N1 ) Epidemic that is affecting the United States and the World, we the Union, Local 105 as per the **Master Agreement Article 27: Health & Safety** is requesting and notifying Management of this institution to practice a Pro Active Approach to the current nationwide crisis by invoking a Local Moratorium on all inmate movement for 10 days.

The CDC published on it's web site that currently there are 11 states affected with cases of this pandemic. On Tuesday, April 28, 2009, there was a BOP movement through R/D and approximate 44 inmates arrived and were screened in this area. Several of those inmates were transported from states like New York, and Texas that are sited as states with high incidents of this virus.

Even though there was no evidence of fever or coughing in those inmates that arrived here, it makes good practical sense to hold all movement for those indicated days in order for Medical staff to access their health status, because in those 10 days, if they harbor the virus, they would be contain and isolated instead of passing them on to the courts, county jails, and other institutions contaminating our staff and inmates.

R/D staff should also be instructed not to receive any new arrest from those affected states in order to prevent our institution from being exposed and at the same time a persisting inquiring of the escorting law enforcement staff if they are bringing in any inmates that are sick or are reporting fever.

These concerns has been also express by the Infectious Disease Coordinator in various meetings that have been conducted with management and medical staff during this week.

It is our understanding that by this institution taking this stance, we are not only protecting our most valuable resources, our staff, but at the same time we are protecting and preventing from developing an outbreak that could affect our staff, inmates, and our family.

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FYI

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Arizona 1  
California 14  
Indiana 1  
Kansas 2  
Massachusetts 2  
Michigan 2  
Nevada 1  
New York City 51  
Ohio 1  
Texas 16

TOTAL COUNTS **91 cases**      1 death 23 month old child in Houston Texas.

Today, CDC reports additional confirmed human infections, hospitalizations and the nation's first fatality from this outbreak. The more recent illnesses and the reported death suggest that a pattern of more severe illness associated with this virus may be emerging in the U.S.

Most people will not have immunity to this new virus and, as it continues to spread, more cases, more hospitalizations and more deaths are expected in the coming days and weeks.

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