Phone call notes - April 2, 2020

[My apologies that these notes are very brief – we did not have a staffperson to take notes during the call – JC]

* Joanna went over OCO’s progress chart for DOC’s implementation of CDC guidelines (separately published and available on OCO’s COVID-19 website), focusing only on the areas that DOC was not yet in compliance.
* Joanna also thanked everyone who participated in the survey of family members of incarcerated people regarding conditions of confinement. All responses were sent to the individual Superintendents and she received back several positive responses indicating that the Superintendents were reviewing the responses.

Community Questions

* Would DOC allow people to wear masks? How would they procure masks so that when they’re out in contact with other inmates and have masks?
* How is it possible to effectively have oversight on the ground when OCO is not going into the prisons?
* Can incarcerated people be considered non-essential and let out?
* Will DOC permit hand sanitizer? What about sanitizing machines – where it comes out as a foam so it cannot be drunk/misused?
* Can someone be sprayed in the eye? Are they cleaning around people?
* Can DOC upgrade the cable?
* Who is overseeing the implementation of the screening measures? Temperature taking? What brand of thermometers?
* Phone calls particularly for people in isolation?