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Hey Rudy + Erin,

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Well, Hell's come to Aliceville. And it came to my Unit on Friday 7-23-2021. Well, maybe before if you consider that our evening officer has been out sick for over a week.

Friday began like any other week day. We were let out at 10 am. Those who needed to went to medication pick up when it was ~~called~~ called and those who wanted to went to lunch when it was ~~called~~ called. Then at about 12:30 pm we were told to lockdown. I'm in my room most of the time anyway, but many started asking "why?". The officer just said lockdown. About 30 minutes later, a member of the medical staff rolled a cart in with a couple of bags. I could not make out what was in one bag, but the other had disposable gowns in it. She left and a few minutes after that, a whole hoard of medical staff and nurses came in. We all had to be tested for COVID (not the PCR test, just the swab - not comfortable, but did not hurt). We were swabbed and then they left.

Then, at about 2-2:30 pm, about 10 or more officers came in suited up, or got suited up and start to pass out trash bags to some of the prisoners and told them to pack up, "just throw your things in the bags." There was no one to come in calmly and say

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"Listen up, this is what is going on and this is what we need you to do." It was total ~~chaos~~ chaos, yelling, people crying, people scared, and I'm sure others in their rooms praying, as me and my room mate were.

It took a while to get everyone packed and loaded. And this was just the first group. They came back to get 4 more. 23 at least went to the SHU to quarantine. I think this whole thing could have and should have been handled better. The rest of us, those of us still in the ~~unit~~ unit tested negative and will be tested again in 14 days. They are taking our temperatures every morning.

I think we will get out every other day, in groups of 8 at a ~~time~~ time for an hour until this passes. I look to be on lockdown for my remaining 4 months here and the last will be in the quarantine unit.


So now to how this happened in our unit...

Our officer (evening) has a couple of "pets" he likes to have come to his office while he waits for our 5:30 out time. I guess they talk and gossip and whatever. Anyway, one of these "pets" got sick (the officer came to work 2 nights feeling sick) and

refused to stay in her room, would not cover with her mask and I saw her coughing EVERYWHERE without covering her mouth; I made sure not to go to the phone she used. Then more and more started coughing; however, some of those they took to the SHU I never saw any symptoms in. I know that you can have it and had no symptoms.

So that was Friday. Saturday, they locked down the rest of the units, late afternoon, I think. I can only make the assumption that persons in other units may have also tested positive, or it was a late decision to just shut the whole thing down again.

We did get out Saturday for an hour and I was able to call Clea so she would not worry. I normally call her on Friday night. And I was able to get off an email reply to M and let Connie know what was happening briefly. I am okay and 4 months from tomorrow I will be out of this place. I will call when I am able.

God Bless and Walk Sacred,
I Love You,


PS I was impressed with one of the officers here. →

Instead of blaming us, she said "See, you should stay at least 6 feet from us officers to protect yourselves." She is kind and funny and a breath of fresh air. I wish more officers were like her. The women tend to be much more hateful than the men, but she is not that way.

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