

QUESTIONS TO THE GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA

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THE CAPITOL

TALLHASSEE, FL 32399

1. Since COVID-19 is as deadly as TB, why aren't FDOC prisoners being tested?
2. Why hasn't the Governor ordered FDOC to reassign two more institutions to house elderly prisoners for humane care, in the same manner the elderly on the outside are kept separate?
3. As a reprisal for requesting COVID-19 testing, prisoners are placed in confinement rather than placed under medical care! Prisoners are subject to 90 degree heat and closed windows, and lie under blankets with chills and placed with the general population. The exhaust fan in dorm P-2 is in need of repair—it makes such abominable noise in the dayroom that it must be turned off, adding to the heat and sickness. When FDOC Secretary Mark S. Inch visited Sumter C.I. during April 2020, he did not tour Dorm-P, which is reported as the only dorm with supposedly no COVID-19 cases.
4. Bunks and showers state-wide are not 6 feet apart. FDOC is in violation of federal guidelines which require 50 square feet of living space for each prisoner. Sixty-eight prisoners are packed into one room. Therefore, in this emergency, The Governor should release prisoners over 70 years of age so the distancing measures can be applied. FDOC has shown an inability to render care. See FL State vs. Chubbick.
5. COVID-19 is expected to worsen next winter. What is being done to separate and protect elderly prisoners statewide? There have been 2 prisoner deaths and 50 personnel on sick leave at Sumter C.I. so far.

After transferring the equivalent of 4 busloads of prisoners due to an assault on a female officer on April 18, 2020, there are now 4 empty dorms at Sumter C.I. that used to house elderly prisoners. There are no institutions in the Northwest Panhandle to handle inmates age 50 and over. Century C.I. and Okaloosa C.I. should be reassigned to handle older inmates.

While the state of Florida has opened back up, FDOC is in lockdown-quarantine mode and has returned to the Stone Age in prison reform!

While the FL Governor never gave a mandatory order to wear face masks, FDOC made it mandatory to wear face masks at all times, even during video visits with family!

The face masks are made from material that makes it very difficult to breathe through and constitutes a torture tool! The torture is extreme considering that the exhaust fan is off 24/7 in P-Dorm in 90 plus degrees heat.

The CDC reports that that some carriers of COVID-19 have no symptoms! Without testing all prisoners as is done yearly for TB, prisoners remain on a COVID-19 merry-go-round!

It has been reported that as a result of COVID-19 many prisoners have a skin disease causing itching and open sores. Yet, medication for this condition has not been delivered to affected inmates!

On April 13, 2020, the CDC stated that proper social distance is 13 feet.

On April 14, 2020, the FL Governor called out the National Guard to ramp-up COVID-19 testing in nursing homes; but there still is no testing of inmates statewide!

Please investigate these matters and keep in mind that many elderly prisoners are US veterans or their children.

Your written response as to action being taken in these matters is solicited.

Citizen's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizen's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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