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**Second round to vaccinations given to inmates**

Twenty-eight more inmates at the Monroe County Correctional Center received vaccinations for COVID-19, in this second round at the center. Men housed in the New Beginnings counseling and treatment dormitory were among those who accepted vaccination as a condition of resuming the program, which has been suspended during the pandemic.

Incentives such as credit on Commissary have been offered to those accepting the treatment, and appears to be a motivation for many of those incarcerated. Over fifty inmates had been vaccinated last month.

Sheriff Brad Swain and Jail Commander Sam Crowe had begun a gradual resumption of programs at the Center, as vaccinations and sanitation measures have assured a low risk to inmates, volunteers, and professionals involved in programing.

The Monroe County Correctional Center has enjoyed very low rate COVID positive cases. A minor flare-up occurred in December, 2020 was quickly contained.

Vaccinations will continue to be offered to inmates, in the hope the percentage of vaccinations exceed the general U.S. population.

Sheriff Brad Swain