

4/8/2020 Letter from Joshua Vermaat via Jpay.

Hope this finds you well. We were put in a very bad position tonight by DOC attempting to move us to COVID-19 contaminated tiers from the tier we've been on which is not contaminated. We've been safe until now, but because of their lack of foresight and proper planning, now they need rooms for more vulnerable inmates and they want us to go into the "hot zone" to make room for them. They tried to bribe us with McDonald's food. Are you flipping kidding.

Man, if you would do anything I ask you to tell this to the news and to the governor, this isn't right. Hopefully I'll be able to give an update tomorrow on the status but for now we're still on the safe tier. We didn't move.

Thanks bro, Josh...

4/9/2020 Letter from Joshua Vermaat via Jpay.

Morning ____, Updates are that not much is being done to keep us distanced, this place is not designed to do so. They have screwed us on our limited phone time to call families, on our limited time to get out of the units, they have lied to us continuously about staff and inmates being sick and have seriously down played what's going on. The few measures that they have taken have either been taken way too late, or not completely. Things have been very half-assed. One observation that I share with quite a few others is the fact of how their "tones" have changed in dealing with this since the push back they've been getting. No one here wants violence, NO ONE, but at the same time you've got 400+ caged animals if you will who are not being backed into corners. We just want the best outcome for ourselves and even the staff, that is the truth. Everything is shutdown right now and I'm not sure what is going to happen with it all today after last night's "disturbance". It wasn't a riot, not even close. Let me know what you find out and do the same. Thanks bro, your interest and concern means a lot. You're a great friend!