

Acting Warden Donna Mellon stated that the current inmate population is 1,211.

There are 1,080 males and 131 females.

Total commitments for November was 431 and 417 discharges.

The recidivism rate is 63%.

On Friday, November 13th there was a resurgence of COVID-19.

On Thursday, November 19th a male inmate was found unresponsive in his cell. Life saving measures were performed by GEO security staff and medical staff. EMS was called and continued life saving measures. The inmate was taken to Riddle Memorial Hospital and was pronounced deceased. CID began an investigation.

On Tuesday, November 24th the OMS System (Offender Management System) went down. GEO did a great job with inputting information. The Intake Unit tracked all commitments and discharges and continued to provide reports to the courts. Medical was fully operational with pill call, sick call and chronic care. Commissary could not be ordered with OMS down. Holiday gift bags were delivered to the inmates on Monday, November 23rd and Tuesday, November 24th. GTL assisted with free phones in intake so that new commits could still contact their family. County IT and GEO IT did a great job at getting the system back to being operational.

Ms. Mellon reported that video visits continue to run. To limit movement within the jail, the Video Visitation schedule has not been extended into the evening hours. The installation of new hardware for the tablets also has been suspended.

Ms. Mellon reported that Secure Pack can now be ordered for the holidays. There were 264 packages that were ordered and delivered to the inmates for Thanksgiving.

There are 4 people on the Norristown State Hospital wait list. Furloughs are now being accepted.

There were 37 inmates who were released to Drug and Alcohol programs in November. There are 8 inmates in the Vivitrol Program, including 1 female.

Maintenance Update: As with every winter, the heaters continue to break. Maintenance has done a great job at keeping the heaters operational. A few units in the jail were moved until the system was fixed. After many repairs, the kitchen grill broke and needs to be replaced.

Ms. Mellon announced her retirement as Acting Warden and thanked her staff, the JOB, and GEO staff for all their support during her time as Acting Warden.