

A video shot by an unidentified Elkton prisoner alleges that he is housed with infected inmates.

Facts: The inmate was in general population and he and his cellmates were not symptomatic. As noted by the local Union President: *“Joseph Mayle, union president for officers at Elkton, disputed the inmates’ claims, saying prisoners with symptoms are pulled from the general population and that 80 inmates are in isolation.”*

Staff escorting symptomatic inmates to hospitals are being told to return to work.

Facts: Under the CDC guidance for employees supporting critical infrastructure, employees may be cleared to return to work after review by employee occupational health staff. See:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/critical-workers-implementing-safety-practices.pdf>

The BOP’s Staff Screening tool is available and posted on the agency’s Coronavirus page:

https://www.bop.gov/coronavirus/docs/covid19_staff_screening_tool_v2.8_20200327.pdf

Officers who work in the building where inmates have developed COVID-19 symptoms frequently walk throughout facility.

Facts: As of Phase 1 of the BOP’s Action Plan in response to COVID-19, the BOP has assessed the National Health and implemented practices where staff are assigned to static posts and facilities to minimize movement and transmission.

Symptomatic inmates work in Food Services, packing sack lunches for the rest of the prisoners so they could be served the meals in their cells to limit contact.

Facts: Inmates cleared to prepared meals are asymptomatic, screened by medical staff, and cleared to work in Food Service.

