

# STATE OF NEBRASKA

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## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

Scott R. Frakes

Director



Pete Ricketts  
Governor

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TO: Inmate Population, TSCI

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Frakes".

FROM: Scott Frakes, Director NDCS

SUBJECT: NEXT STEPS

The disturbance that occurred from Sunday afternoon through early Monday morning resulted in facility damage, injuries to staff and inmates, and the deaths of two inmates. The lockdown of the facility will continue until repairs can be completed, and the threat of further incidents has stopped. This will take several days. I do not like lockdowns, and I especially do not like lengthy lockdowns. The length of this lockdown will be determined by the overall behavior of the inmate population. Your cooperation with staff will help return the facility to normal operations as quickly and safely as possible.

Small numbers of inmates will be brought out of their cells beginning this morning for a 10 minute shower and 10 minutes access to a phone/dayroom. Clean towels and underwear will be provided to inmates who don't have access to their own property. Arrangements for laundry service are being made, and clean clothing will be available by Thursday evening. A hot meal is planned for the evening meal on Thursday. If all goes well today, we will then make a decision on allowing small numbers of inmate workers to go back to work in critical areas (Food Service, CSI, Engineering). We will conduct cell searches during the time you are out of your cell.

I talked with a group of inmates at TSCI just three weeks ago. I listened carefully to the issues raised. I tried to make it clear that improvements would occur, but that it wouldn't happen overnight. While this disturbance will slow down the process to improve conditions for inmates at TSCI, we will continue to address issues of idleness and lack of programming.

Lockdowns are difficult for everyone involved. Being respectful, and following all direction from staff will go a long ways towards helping to end the lockdown.