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PRISON IS AN EXTREMELY STRESSFUL ENVIRONMENT IN AND OF ITSELF. WHEN THE WHOLE COVID-19 GLOBAL PANDEMIC STARTED IT CHANGED EVERYTHING FOR EVERYONE. NONE OF US HAS HAD A VISIT IN 8 MONTHS, NO CHURCH SERVICES.

IN OCTOBER COVID-19 FINALLY MADE IT TO GENERAL POPULATION. IN THE FIRST WEEK THE POSITIVE CASE COUNT WENT FROM UNDER 10 TO OVER 40. THE FOLLOWING WEEK IT WENT TO OVER 80 AND THE 3RD WEEK IT WAS OVER 270. THEY SHUT DOWN THE WHOLE PRISON FOR AT LEAST 21 DAYS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF STAFF COMING TO WORK. EVENTUALLY THE LAST WEEK OF OCTOBER THEY LIFTED THE LOCKDOWN. THEY STARTED TO MOVE ppl AROUND THE PRISON, WITHOUT DOING ANY KIND OF TESTING OR COVERING. THE RESULT WAS THE POSITIVE CASE COUNT GOING FROM 9 TO OVER 260 IN LESS THAN 2 WEEKS. BEFORE IT WAS JUST IN WASATCH AND NOWHERE ELSE, NOW ITS IN LONG PEAK, PROMETORY, BURRISON AND OG-5 WHERE MOST ALL THE OLDER AND MEDICALLY FRAGILE INMATES ARE HOUSED, WHERE THERE WAS 1 DEATH. THE PRISON HAS BEEN UNDER STAFF

FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN
VERY good HEALTH CARE AND NOW IT'S VERY
IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE TO TRY AND BE AS CLEAN
AS POSSIBLE TO STOP THE SPREAD FROM GETTING
ANY WORSE. WE ARE NOT GIVEN PROPER CLEANING
SUPPLIES, THE MASKS THAT WE ARE GIVEN DON'T FIT
PROPERLY, THE MEDICAL STAFF DON'T CHANGE THEIR
GLOVES BETWEEN TESTS, THE PRISON GUARDS AREN'T
GIVEN NEW N-95 MASKS BUT MAYBE ONCE A WEEK.