



## CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION INSPECTION COMMITTEE

*A Joint Committee of the 134<sup>th</sup> Ohio General Assembly*

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# SUMMARY OF THE UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION AND EVALUATION OF CHILLICOTHE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION

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### Facility Overview

Chillicothe Correctional Institution (CCI) houses Level 1 (minimum) and Level 2 (medium) security male offenders as well as male Death Row. As of June 15, 2021, the institution housed 2,335 offenders and employed 515 total staff, of which 310 were officers.

### Highlighted Facts

- CCI is managed by Warden Tim Shoop.
- In attendance at the inspection were Representative Jean Schmidt, Representative Mark Johnson, and CIIC staff.
- CCI has a residential treatment unit (RTU) for offenders considered severely-mentally ill as well as the Day Treatment Program.

### Key Inspection Findings

#### Safety and Security

- All housing units' cleanliness levels were rated from acceptable to good throughout the visit.
- Telephones, video kiosks, water fountains, and micro-waves were in good working order. There were some dryers, washers, and ice machines that needed repair during the visit.
- Through surveys, offenders evenly identified that drug trade, theft, extortion, and assaults occur as drug activities. The top substances reported as available were alcohol, suboxone, tobacco, and marijuana.

#### Health and Wellbeing

- CCI is awaiting the construction of a new medical building. The current medical facilities are outdated and do not appear sanitary for medical operations.
- Medical Services had high vacancies for nursing staff which staff have reported have been challenging to fill.
- There was a profound effort to continue offering full services during the COVID-19 restrictions. Mental health staff have an open door policy to see offenders in times of need.
- Temperatures and serving sizes of meals were appropriate and the overall taste was good.

#### Fair Treatment

- All of the responses to the informal complaints and grievances were thorough, professional, and within policy timelines.
- The Inspector reported the top areas of complaints to be regarding mail approval, property, and supervision.
- It took an average of 2.9 days for staff to answer informal complaints and 6.93 days to answer inmate grievances.
- The Limited Privilege Housing (LPH) unit appeared orderly. Staff reported that most offenders were in LPH for violations of Rule 39, use or possession of an intoxicating substance.

#### Rehabilitation and Reentry

- CCI offers a robust array of reentry-related programming and resources.
- A law library was present with seven Lexis Nexis computers. All offenders have access to Lexis Nexis on their GTL tablets.
- CCI offers two vocational programs: Carpentry and HVAC. They also have two OPI shops: a Mattress Factory and Vehicle Modification shops.