



VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

Wednesday, July 1 | 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Welcome!

This virtual town hall meeting will open dialogue between key stakeholders around the unique challenges affecting work release employers and educational partners during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Town Hall Overview

As valued employer and educational partners of the DOC, thank you for joining us. During this moderated session, we'll discuss these key topics:

- Address your questions and concerns
- Agency's thoughts on how to safely resume work release programs
- Personal protective equipment requirements
- Safety and preventative measures
- Available resources and current best practices
- Criteria and benchmarks used to return to normal operations



About the Attendees

- **Employer partners currently registered in work release programs**
 - 69 statewide employer partners from 20 counties
- **Wisconsin Technical Colleges partners**
 - Career Technical Education Programs partners
- **Wisconsin Department of Corrections staff**
 - Wardens
 - Superintendents
 - Work Release Coordinators

Meet the Panelists

Kevin A. Carr

*Secretary, Wisconsin
Department of Corrections*

Missy Hughes

*Secretary and CEO,
Wisconsin Economic
Development Corporation*

Quala Champagne

*Warden, Wisconsin
Correctional Center System*

Ray Woodruff

*Employment Program
Manager, Wisconsin
Department of Corrections*

Opening Remarks

Secretary Carr

Secretary Hughes

Warden Champagne

Ray Woodruff





What criteria are you using to determine when the suspension of work release will end, and will you consider a phased approach? Does a vaccine need to be readily available before resuming normal operations?



Secretary Carr



Do you have a date set for when persons in your care will be allowed to return to job sites?



Warden Champagne



When persons in your care return to work release sites, what conditions will be required? Will DOC provide them PPE, or will the work sites be required to supply necessary PPE?



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How do the decisions related to work release impact work study programs at the local technical colleges?



Ray Woodruff



As DOC transitions back to normal operations, how will you ensure the safety of persons in your care moving between work sites and the institutions? Can they be quarantined from the rest of the incarcerated population?



Secretary Carr



What are the current practices amongst employers related to providing/requiring PPE for staff?



Secretary & CEO Hughes



Once work release resumes, what will happen if a person in your care contracts COVID-19?



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What do you see as the long-term effects of suspending work release and programming? How will DOC address those concerns?



Ray Woodruff



Are early releases being considered for appropriate candidates? Is there anything I can do as an employer to help someone release early?



Secretary Carr



Can you share any resources that may be available for employers during the current public health crisis?



Secretary & CEO Hughes



Who should employers contact with additional questions?



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Next Steps

Find more information about past and upcoming town hall meetings:

Visit <https://doc.wi.gov/Pages/TownHalls/TownHallsHome.aspx>

Provide further input and town hall feedback:

Watch your inbox for a survey to assist in planning for Phase II

Access to recordings, transcripts, FAQs and more:

Check our website after the event has concluded

Additional questions?

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