

The CACR Coronavirus Charade

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I live at the California Mens Colony West at San Luis Obispo, California. I have been here for about five years. It is a prison that is run more like a country club - no locked doors on the dorms, loose ~~the~~ enforcement of rules, lots of recreation opportunities, and beautiful scenery visible through the perimeter fences 24/7/365.

We are in the same county as the Lumpoc Federal prison, which has made national news because of its many hundreds of confirmed coronavirus cases and several deaths. CMC West has a string of luck going for us - we have not had even a single case of coronavirus (it is said). But there has not been any testing as has been done elsewhere in the county. The only testing has been a small amount of temperature checking on medical patients at the clinic for other reasons and temperature checking of staff entering the facility. There is no way of knowing if some prisoners here have been infected and recovered without symptoms and without ever knowing it.

All this being said, what ~~is~~ concerns me is the huge charade put on by the California Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation to convince the public, the politicians, the bureaucrats, and even itself of its efforts to reduce risk of the virus. It is largely a charade - and everyone on the yard - prisoners, guards, etc know it.

For instance, today the loudspeaker from the program office came on, with the familiar voice of Zed Watch Program Sgt. Carmine telling everyone on the yard that the Covid-19 auditor, the associate warden, and a captain