Tecumseh Correctional Facility pushing toward normal operations

(KLZA)-- The Tecumseh State Correctional Institution has taken a step toward resuming a normal operational schedule by increasing inmate movement on weekends.

The change occurred this past Saturday.

The facility has been operating under a staffing emergency since December 2019, when 12-hour shifts for employees were implemented.

Since October, 2021, the facility was cut back to a four-day operational schedules that has since increased to five days. The prison now has the ability to increase basic activities over the weekend.

Nebraska State Penitentiary (NSP) returned to normal operations in June.

The Tecumseh facility is now back to having three, eight-hour shifts per day, seven days a week. The necessity of brining additional staff to the facility by van from Omaha has also ceased.

Since the start of the year, NDCS has hired in excess of 700 new staff members. The majority, more than 600, have filled custody-related positions - those who work most closely with the inmate population.

As the end of the year nears, NDCS is on track to have historic low team member turnover and low vacancies.

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