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We Need Our Rights !!!

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Hi, this is a letter addressing all concerns about how the Coronavirus has affected every inmate in San Quentin. Not only San Quentin but all prisons in California, inmates who are in reception that already seen their counsels and got endorsed to mainline are severely being punished. Due to the Coronavirus San Quentin is on a 24 hour lockdown. This means no family visits, cold served food, lack of cleaning supplies, less yard time, no buses moving & most importantly inmates are not getting their right percentages. Everyday in reception is wasting our time, when I first got here this process should have only took 60 to 90 days. After 60 to 90 days inmates should be getting transferred to the prisons that we got accepted to. Instead there are inmates that have been in reception for more than six months due to no buses moving. This is unfair because if we get to mainline the extra 3 months could've possibly been close to an entire year knocked off majority of our sentences. Being locked up in an 4ft by 8ft cell for 24 hours will start driving inmates insane, we all want to go home as soon as possible. Unfortunately it feels like we are being double punished, we didn't have nothing to do with the Coronavirus. We feel that it is only right that we get all of our rights as inmates and get our percentages we deserve. All programs and College Classes for milestones are also shut down. We can't even learn anything to help better ourselves and get degrees or certificates. We need to have rights to milestones as well, we need to have all non-violent inmates with 18 months or less released. With inmates that are non-violent with 18 months or less being released would make a lot of room for inmates with a much more serious crime and longer sentences. It is okay to share this letter, hopefully the whole world reads this letter and the government or state starts making a decision very soon.

Thank you,
Sincerely
San Quentin Inmates