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**TO:** All DOC Staff

**FROM:** Stephen Sinclair, Secretary

**SUBJECT: Third Confirmed Case of COVID-19 reported by Corrections Employee**

The Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC) has now received confirmation that a third employee has tested positive for COVID-19. The employee, who works at the Peninsula Work Release in Port Orchard, was last in the office on March 5 and received positive test results March 15. They will not return to work until they recover.

Peninsula Work Release leadership will continue to be in contact with the employee throughout the individual's recovery. We hope you will join us in wishing them a speedy recovery.

As of March 18 at 8 a.m., Corrections has no confirmed cases of COVID-19 among our incarcerated population, those in work release or those under community supervision.

**Peninsula Work Release response**

DOC Human Resources and Peninsula Work Release staff have notified other employees and individuals housed at the work release facility.

Peninsula Work Release employees have been directed to report to work and return home only, limit exposure to others and monitor symptoms.

Individuals housed at Peninsula Work Release are quarantined there until the end of the 14-day quarantine period, which is in seven days.

As a reminder, if you have not been in close contact with a person sick with COVID-19, DOH considers you to be at low risk for infection. You can continue to go to work and school, but should monitor your health for 14 days and stay away from others if you get sick.

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**Experiencing symptoms? Please let us know ASAP.**

Contact your supervisor for further instruction.

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