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To: CRCC Employees
From: Jeffrey A. Uttecht, Superintendent 
Subject: N95 fit testing at Coyote Ridge

As you know, as the number of positive cases of COVID-19 amongst staff and our population at the Medium Security Complex (MSC) continues to rise, the Department has been continuing to work to ensure the highest level of protection for our staff and the individuals incarcerated in our care.

Along with testing of all staff and incarcerated individuals at CRCC for COVID-19, we are now also requiring expanded N95 fit testing of all staff for further protection. Due to this current health crisis and the soon-to-start testing of all CRCC incarcerated individuals for COVID-19, providing greater staff protection is crucial. The N95 is an essential safety tool for working with COVID-19 positive individuals. Your safety and our safety is why I am taking this action.

Safety officer [Shelley Mason](#) is currently developing a plan to complete this process. The facility is receiving a large quantity of N95 respirators manufactured by BYD, which is different than our current inventory of N95 respirator. Therefore all staff will need to be fit tested for the new BYD N95 respirators. If you are currently fit-tested for our gas masks or other respirators, the medical requirements identified in [890.090 Respirator Program](#) are satisfied.

Prior to being fit-tested, please be sure you've completed the mandatory training in the Learning Management System ([DOC Proper Use of PPE](#)), which explains the process for donning and doffing the N95 and other PPE. Even if you have already taken this training, it might be helpful to review it again.

Thank you for your continued cooperation as we work together to keep the incarcerated, our employees and the community better protected against the spread of COVID-19.

cc: Prisons/Health Services Unified Command