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TO: All Incarcerated Individuals, Staff and Stakeholders
Washington Corrections Center for Women

FROM: Superintendent Deborah J. Wofford
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SUBJECT: Establishing a Regional Care Facility (RCF) at the WCCW

The Washington Department of Corrections (DOC) is taking deliberate steps to continue to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to the incarcerated population, staff and general public. In the event there is a significant increase in the number of COVID-19 cases within Washington's correctional facilities, DOC previously requested an external agency assessment of the department's operational ability to support an overflow of incarcerated individuals who are diagnosed with COVID-19 and require more comprehensive medical attention and isolation from healthy populations.

In April, Department leaders and key stakeholders, including local facility subject matter experts, identified suitable locations for these potential isolation sites, referred to as Regional Care Facilities (RCFs). These plans included a mapped set-up of beds, nursing areas and hand washing stations.

Collaboration with representatives from both Statewide Isolation Task Force (SITF), and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) provided key strategic information integral to identifying ideal locations for the establishment of RCFs statewide, and viable alternatives that included using preexisting resources and structures.

RCFs now operational at AHCC and WCC, coming soon to WCCW.

RCFs are now operational at AHCC, WCC and Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC) though only AHCC has patients. While there have still been no reported cases of COVID-19 in our female population, the Washington Corrections Center for Women (WCCW) is starting construction of an RCF that will be housed in the chapel area.

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We will be relocating programming currently occurring in the area identified for the RCF to alternative areas within the facility, without interruption to delivery of services or activities. The RCF will safely and comfortably house incarcerated individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 and may require more comprehensive medical attention and physical isolation from healthy populations, but do not require hospitalization.

Should an infected individual's medical conditions or needs become severe, the department and agency medical personnel will work collaboratively with hospital partners to provide the necessary medical care.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions you might have.

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