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Date: June 23, 2020  
To: CRCC Incarcerated Population  
From: Jeffrey Uttecht, Superintendent   
Subject: Staff and Incarcerated Individual COVID-19 Testing

Coyote Ridge Corrections Center (CRCC) will begin COVID-19 testing of employees at the Medium Security Complex (MSC) and Minimum Security Unit (MSU) as well as the incarcerated population at MSC on Wednesday, June 24, 2020. Testing will occur in partnership with the Benton-Franklin Health District, Washington Department of Health and the Washington National Guard.

Washington Department of Health and National Guard employees will provide assistance in the testing of the CRCC employees and incarcerated individuals, similar to the testing efforts you may have seen on the news in our surrounding communities. Testing will be conducted in your living units.

The test involves collecting a nasal specimen to detect active infection. It is not an antibody test and does not reflect your possible immune status from a previous infection. A swab will be inserted into the nose and rotated. It is not the more invasive nasopharyngeal swab and you may be asked to collect the specimen yourself.

Test results are expected back in three to five days and individuals will be notified if the results are positive for COVID-19. Depending on test results, incarcerated individuals may be moved to a different housing assignment within CRCC. Individuals who test positive will be housed together. Individuals who test negative will be tested a second time and those that receive a double negative result will be housed together.

If you refuse testing, you will be treated as if you are positive and will be placed in a separate medical isolation area to prevent potential spread. It is also possible that you may be placed in a temporary housing location, such as a gym or chapel, while awaiting your test results.

We appreciate your patience as we continue to stand together and get through these challenging times.

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