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Date: June 23, 2020  
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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](#), [Department of Health](#) and the Washington National Guard. Department of Health and National Guard employees will assist in testing CRCC employees and incarcerated individuals, similar to the way they have assisted in testing efforts in the surrounding communities.

The staff testing stations will be set up in the Muster Room in S Building. All staff will be tested prior to reporting to their assigned work station/post and testing will be conducted on all three shifts.

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.

To help prevent outgoing transmission at the facility moving forward, staff testing will be repeated every seven days until further notice. This is known as serial testing. You will be assigned a day of the week to be tested with make-up days if you are not at work on your assigned day. Serial testing and make-up testing will be self-collected.

Test results are expected back in three to five days and staff will be notified. Staff, whose results come back positive, will be placed on home isolation immediately and will need to contact local Human Resources via email at [DOC DL CRCC HR](#). Staff members who have tested positive and completed their isolation requirements will be exempt from further serial testing.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to keeping yourself and those we serve safe and healthy. We will get through this together.

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