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To: Interested parties
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Subject: Pilot project to resume social outings at select Work/Training Release Facilities

The Department of Corrections is committed to protecting the incarcerated population, promoting pro-social activities and assisting with a successful transition and reentry to the community. Despite restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the state's Work/Training Release programs continue this important work.

Social outings are an important part of the reentry pathway, allowing individuals to spend time in the community with family and friends. Unfortunately, due to restrictions required to protect sponsor(s), facility staff, and the community at large from the spread of COVID-19, the Department had to suspend socials and visitation at our Work/Training Release facilities.

Social outings now available in three pilot locations

As various counties move through the Governor's Safe Start [phased reopening plan](#), Corrections is re-establishing social outings with strict criteria to protect families, incarcerated individuals, staff and communities at Work/Training Release facilities in three pilot locations:

- [Longview](#)
- [Olympia](#)
- [Peninsula](#)

Criteria designed to allow pro-social contacts without direct exposure at facilities

The department identified the Work/Training Release locations based on the number of new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 resident for each county for the two-week period ending on 9/20/2020:

- Red counties are those with a high rate of new cases (More than 75 new cases/100,000)
- Yellow counties are those with a moderate rate (Between 25 and 75 new cases/100,000)
- Green counties are those with a low rate (Less than 25 new cases/100,000)

Attached are maps including the three pilot facilities and surrounding counties by color. If at any time, the facility's county faces an increase in its rate of new cases that places it into a new color category, the facility will assess the need to change given the risk presented.

- **If the Work/Training Release (WTR) facility is in a green county:**
 - Residents may participate in approved social outings in the county of their release address and may go to their release residence if the release county is green.
 - If the social sponsor is coming from a yellow county, residents may only participate in social outings within their own WTR county and only to public areas.
- **If the WTR is in a yellow county:**
 - Residents can only participate in social outings within the county where the WTR is located with social sponsors from yellow or green counties.
 - All social outings will be to public places. No home socials.

Residents will adhere to the state's [phase rules](#) by [county](#) and any other COVID restrictions. They may not travel to more restrictive counties. During this pilot, family members who reside out of state will not be able to participate in social outings with WTR residents. Residents of WTR in red counties are not eligible for social outings and may not participate in social outings if their social sponsor resides in a red county.

Strict adherence to COVID-19 protocols required

It is imperative that sponsors and residents abide by and follow all current Department of Health (DOH) and Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 safety guidelines and protocols when out of the facility on an approved social outing. This includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Follow the guidelines set forth regarding "Safe Start Work/Training Release"
- Always wear an approved face covering or mask (both resident and sponsor)
- Practice social distancing
- Submit to the COVID-19 screening process
- **Only** visit locations in the community that are actively practicing and are in-compliance with all county, DOH and CDC COVID-19 safety guidelines and protocols

Failure to comply with this guidance may result in termination of social outing privileges.

Paving the way for future re-openings

The Department continues to use data and science to take measured steps to eventually return to full operations within the scope of the new normal. Detailed plans may be found on the Department's [Safe Start Corrections web site](#) as they become available.

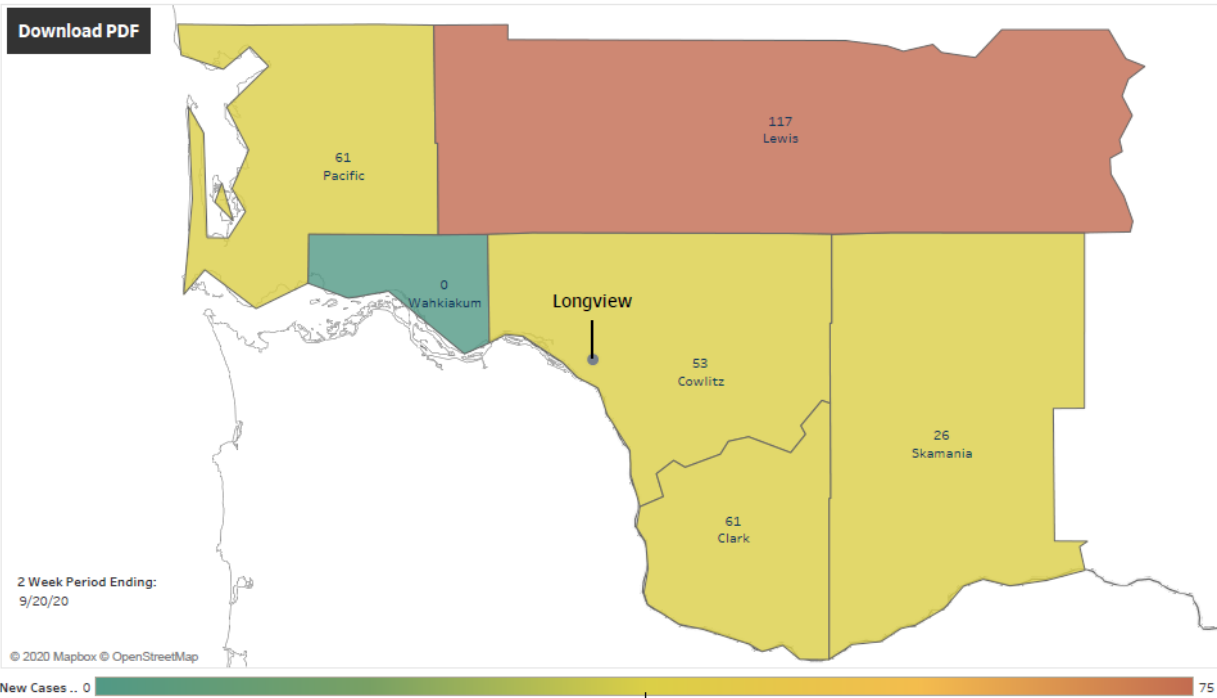
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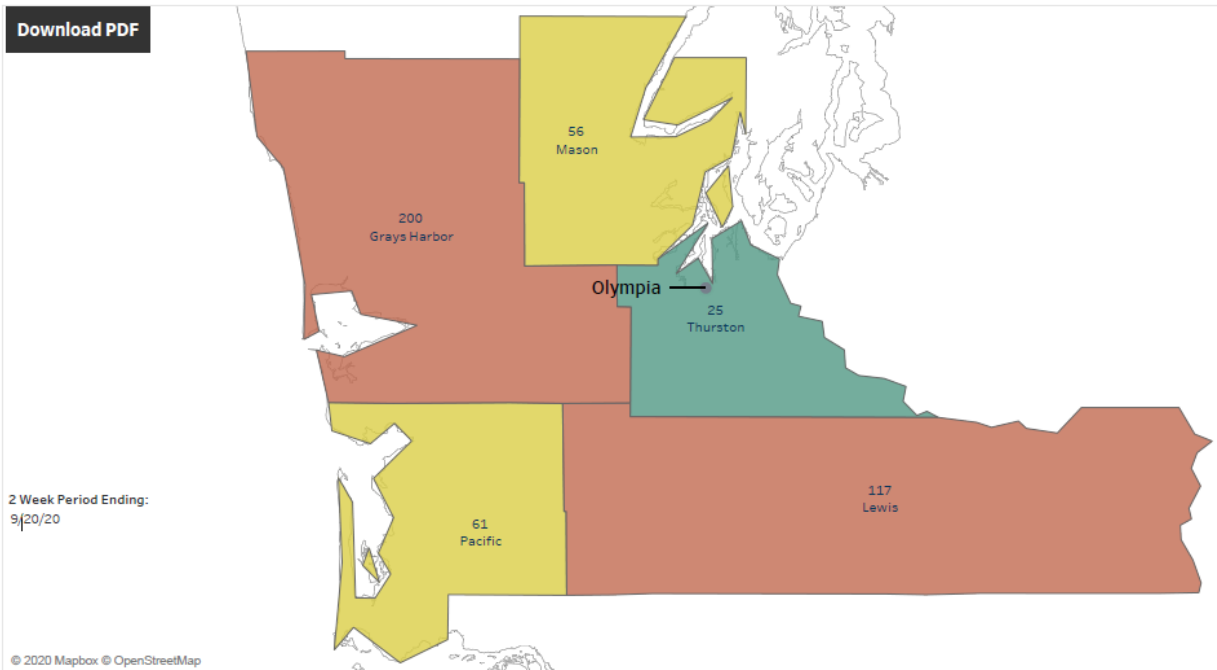
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