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To: All Superintendents
All Facility Medical Directors
All Health Services Managers

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Incident Commanders
COVID-19 Medical Group

Subject: COVID-19 Special Population Units Guideline Version #4

****Most current updates are bold and highlighted****

Special Populations: Example: IPU, CRCC Sage East, AHCC K-unit, etc.

The following restrictions will be in effect until further notice.

- DOC staff working in identified special population units:
 - Only necessary and assigned staff should have access to this unit.
 - All staff must wash hands before entering and before exiting the unit
 - All staff will wear surgical mask and face shield at all times, except when eating or drinking (in which case social distancing must be maintained)
 - If the face shield became soiled, it would need to be doffed per PPE protocols
 - Face shields must be discarded at the end of a shift
 - No staff interacting with quarantined and/or medically isolated individuals should be entering these units during their assigned shift.
- Incarcerated individuals:
 - Individuals must remain in their existing unit, tiers or cells- Facility to determine how that is done
 - **If programming needs were suspended due to program location being outside the unit, program resumption will require a written proposal to Prisons Health Services Unified Command along with Facility/Unified Command consultation to review the proposal.**
 - Patients will be provided a surgical mask

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- Individuals are restricted from eating in the main dining halls
 - Individuals shall be given pill line at cell-front
 - Individuals may self-quarantine if they choose to
 - Non-medical call-outs shall be restricted unless previously approved by designated custody staff (CUS/Incident Commander)
- Unit CUS will identify two (2) workers per shift who will be responsible for sanitizing/cleaning the units/designated areas multiple times per day (to include day rooms, phones, door knobs, etc.)
 - All incarcerated individuals will wear face coverings and practice social distancing in dayrooms and anytime the population comingles.

****If any COVID-19 type symptoms are noted with staff or the incarcerated population, this should be reported IMMEDIATELY to the Incident Command****