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**TO:** Interested Parties  
**FROM:** James Key, Superintendent  
**SUBJECT:** Airway Heights Corrections Center COVID-19 Testing Results

On November 27, Airway Heights Corrections Center received the test results from COVID-19 testing that took place in M-Unit, A-side. As of November 28, the facility has received all but 96 test results. Of all the test results received, 21 individuals tested positive for COVID-19. All of these individuals were moved from the M-Unit, A-side into N-Unit, A-side medical isolation cells and some to the Regional Care Facility.

Due to the current need for additional medical isolation and quarantine cells, the facility will be creating an alternate housing area in the main gym area. The goal is to remove all general population individuals from N-Unit, A-side to create the additional medical isolation/quarantine areas, which are needed to quarantine any individuals who were in close contact with the 21 positive cases.

The reality of COVID-19 is here. The facility has fought long and hard for the last eight plus months to keep it out of the facility, and will continue its work to mitigate the spread of the virus. Unfortunately, the virus is here now and I know our facility, staff and incarcerated population have the resources to effectively manage and contain the virus.