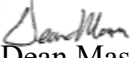




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TO: Interested Parties
FROM: 
Dean Mason, Associate Superintendent
SUBJECT: WCC Restricted Movement due to COVID-19

Washington Corrections Center (WCC) is currently responding to a recent increase of positive COVID-19 cases. As of this writing, 262 incarcerated persons and 20 staff have tested positive for COVID-19.

Today, WCC went into restricted movement status to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the facility. This change will impact our incarcerated population's ability to attend regularly scheduled programs, call-outs and services.

By taking these steps, we intend to minimize the short and long-term impacts that our response will have on our incarcerated population. All movement of the incarcerated population, other than for medical services or emergencies, has been halted. Additional units are being placed on quarantine as necessary and those individuals testing positive for COVID-19 positive and that are asymptomatic, are being moved to medical isolation areas. The current designated area for medical isolation is the main gymnasium that has been converted to an alternate housing unit. Critical operational areas, specifically the kitchen and the laundry, are being operated with regularly assigned staff with the support of additional volunteer staff from other non-critical areas.

We understand that this pandemic and the changes in our procedures can be stressful for incarcerated individuals and their loved ones. On behalf of the entire staff of this institution, please know that every step taken is to ensure those under our jurisdiction are safe and healthy.