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TO: All SCCC Employees
FROM: Dan Van Ogle, Incident Commander
SUBJECT: Restricted Movement Due to COVID-19

Over the past week, Stafford Creek Corrections Center (SCCC) has been challenged with a growing number of COVID-19 positive incarcerated individuals in our general population. As of yesterday, December 4, there were 85 confirmed positive COVID-19 individuals and we expect that number to rise over the weekend. It is important to know that test results are received throughout the day and evening, and must go thru appropriate verification before they are published.

Over the last few days, we have placed additional living units on quarantine in an effort to limit additional exposures to the incarcerated population. As a result of the growing number of COVID-19 positive cases and the associated quarantined cases that go with them we have reached a point in time in which we will have to take additional steps to limit the potential exposure of COVID-19 to our institution's incarcerated population.

Starting December 5, the facility will be moving to Restricted Movement due to COVID-19. This change will impact our incarcerated population's ability to attend regularly scheduled programs, call-outs, and services.

H1 unit has been identified as a housing area for positive asymptomatic COVID-19 individuals. The requirements for this area will be different from the current limited cohorted movement in effect for the rest of the facility. In H1 unit, normal dayroom activities will be authorized per the Offender Handbook. During distribution of mainline meals and the twice daily mandatory medical assessments, dayroom activities will be restricted, with the exception of emergent restroom use. Surgical masks are still required for all individuals while outside of cells.

H-5 A Pod has been placed on quarantine status and per DOC [Screening, Testing, and Infection Control Guidelines](#), health services staff will perform once daily medical assessments and the unit will follow all cohorted movement schedules.

These steps are meant to minimize the short and long-term impact that our response will have on our incarcerated population. As we move forward in the upcoming weeks you can expect to see cohorting in the dayrooms and shower/bathroom areas, and an increased awareness to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) protocols, cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting, and social distancing. It is our hope by taking these measures that we can mitigate potential exposure and reduce the amount of time it will take to get back to a new normal with our operations.

I am hoping that each and every one of you will be committed to following these standards so we can move past these restrictions as safely as possible. By working together, I know that we can get past this difficult time and get to a place in which we can all have some relief from the restrictions that this pandemic has brought upon us all.

I want to thank you for your hard work and dedication during this very difficult time. It is important to remain strong, support one another, and be kind to one another.