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**TO:** All Monroe Correctional Complex Staff

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**SUBJECT:** MCC COVID-19 Update

On December 7, 2020, the Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC) received three positive COVID-19 test results of incarcerated individuals who were tested on December 1, 2020. Two individuals from the Washington State Reformatory Unit (WSRU) housed in C/D units and one from the Special Offender Unit (SOU) housed in C unit. Individuals were tested as part of routine protocols. Immediate actions were taken upon receiving the test results and the individuals were placed on medical isolation to ensure that they receive appropriate medical care. Their respective living units were placed on quarantine status while mapping protocols were conducted. WSRU C/D units and SOU C unit will remain on quarantine status while the incarcerated individuals are monitored for any developing symptoms. The [Incident Action Plan](#) (IAP) for Operational Period: December 2, 2020 to December 9, 2020 was updated to reflect operational changes for units currently on quarantine.

On December 2, 2020, the Twin Rivers Unit (TRU) placed several incarcerated individuals on quarantine status due to having been in close contact with a staff member who tested positive for COVID-19. All TRU quarantined individuals were tested on December 3, 2020, and December 4, 2020, and all test results came back negative. They are continuing to be monitored and assessed by medical staff throughout the duration of the quarantine. In addition to the updated IAP, staff at TRU were provided the [TRU Unit Quarantine Operations](#) memo for additional guidance.

Isolation and Quarantine timeframes are based on protocols set forth in the [WA State DOC COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Infection Control Guidelines](#). Individuals will remain on medical isolation for 14 days after becoming asymptomatic. Close contacts of COVID-19 individuals will remain on quarantine for 14 days after their last exposure.

The [PPE Matrix](#) (updated 12/7/2020) provides guidance on appropriate PPE for staff working in a variety of situations. It is important to remember that individuals in medical isolation and quarantine **MUST** wear a **surgical mask** at all times while out of their cell. All staff and any persons entering any department location **MUST** wear a surgical mask per the [Required COVID-19 Safety Practices](#) memo and continue to follow COVID-19 protocols. It is vitally important

for everyone to maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet and properly wear their surgical masks.

Staff at MCC have done an amazing job, responding quickly at the onset of this outbreak and continue to work diligently to keep everyone safe. The MCC Incident Command Post (ICP) will be operational Monday through Friday, 0800 – 1630 hours to support operations and leadership teams during this time. Please continue to be patient and respectful, as we all continue our commitment to follow safety protocols and adapt to any new information.

Throughout the response to COVID-19 our dedicated staff have stepped up to take on extra duties, work overtime, boost facility cleaning and sanitation, assist on the Quality Assurance, Contact Mapping and Staff Serial Testing teams, joined in the Incident Command Post, and/or responded to incidents related to the pandemic. Thank you for all the hard work you put in daily!