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Subject: WCC Incarcerated Individual COVID-19 Testing & Isolation Protocol Information

The Washington Corrections Center (WCC) will begin COVID-19 testing of the entire incarcerated population on Monday, December 14, 2020, testing will continue for several days. The decision to test the incarcerated population at WCC is based on the recent increase in positive cases at the facility and will help efforts to prevent ongoing transmission.

The test involves collecting a nasal specimen to detect active infection. It is not an antibody test and does not reflect their possible immune status from a previous infection. A swab will be inserted into the nose and rotated. It is not the more invasive nasopharyngeal swab and they may be asked to collect the specimen themselves.

Test results are expected back in three to five days and individuals will be notified if the results are positive for COVID-19. Depending on test results, incarcerated individuals may be moved to a different housing assignment within WCC. Individuals who test positive will be housed together. Individuals who test negative will be tested a second time and those that receive a double negative result will be housed together.

Individuals who refuse testing, will be treated as if they are positive and will be placed in a separate medical isolation area to prevent potential spread.

At this time, the entire WCC facility has been placed on modified restricted movement due to being quarantined. Individuals outside of their cubicle/cell area will practice social distancing while wearing their face coverings. As an additional safety measure, all staff at WCC are required to wear surgical masks.

When an individual is positive for COVID-19 and is assigned a cellmate who is also positive, their isolation date does not restart. Movement and housing of individuals based on their COVID-19 status is critical to managing the current outbreak situation.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to work through these challenging times together.

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