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TO: Incarcerated Individuals  
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FROM: Jeneva Cotton and Scott Russell  
Incident Commanders, Prisons Health Services Unified Command  
RE: Temporary Suspension of EFV Applications

This year continues to present many challenges for individuals in all walks of life. The Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC) remains committed to finding ways to keep families connected during this time and are taking steps to provide options that can be completed considering the safety and health of families, friends, staff and individuals in our custody.

With many of our regular resources prioritized to assist in the response to COVID-19, we have temporarily suspended the acceptance of new Extended Family Visit (EFV) applications effective December 10, 2020.

Once we can resume the normal application process and can expect reinstatement of the program, we will process the applications already received and begin to accept new applications. At that time we will provide you with an updated message, post the alert on the DOC public website, and share the information during our family council meetings.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this challenging time.

cc: All Superintendents  
All Public Information Officers  
Prisons/Health Services Command  
Statewide Visit Unit