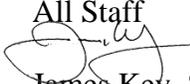




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TO: All Staff
FROM:  James Key, Superintendent
SUBJECT: MSU Restricted Movement Due to COVID-19

Over the past week, Airway Heights Corrections Center (AHCC) has been challenged with a growing number of COVID-19 positive incarcerated individuals in the Minimum Security Unit (MSU) general 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 the MSU incarcerated population.

Starting Sunday, December 13, 2020, the AHCC Minimum Security Unit will be going to a Restricted Movement due to COVID-19. This change will impact the incarcerated population's ability to attend regularly scheduled programs, call-outs, and services. Additional information will be sent shortly.

These steps are meant to minimize the short and long-term impact that our response will have on our incarcerated population in the MSU. As we move forward in the upcoming weeks you can expect to see cohorting in the dayrooms and shower/bathroom areas, serial testing with our incarcerated population, 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 cut down on the amount of potential exposures 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 quickly 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.

Thank you all for your cooperation and patience through this difficult time.