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TO: All MCC Staff and Incarcerated Individuals

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SUBJECT: MCC COVID-19 Update

Recap of Past Week

The Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC) Washington State Reformatory Unit (WSRU) began operating on outbreak status on December 7, 2020 as a result of positive COVID-19 cases of incarcerated individuals. The positive individuals were placed on medical isolation. WSRU C and D units were placed on quarantine status, to allow individuals to be monitored for any developing symptoms and to receive prompt appropriate medical care. The Twin Rivers Unit (TRU) has several incarcerated individuals on quarantine. The Special Offender Unit (SOU) C unit is on quarantine.

New Information

All incarcerated individuals who were placed on quarantine this past week were tested for COVID-19. Subsequent testing, per [DOC COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Infection Control Guidelines](#), will be repeated every seven days until all incarcerated individuals in the quarantined area have two consecutive negative results. Once test results show that all incarcerated individuals in the living area have two negative tests AND they have been on quarantine status at least 14 days from their last contact with COVID-19 positive or symptomatic individuals, the living area can be removed from quarantine.

Dental treatments at facilities currently on COVID-19 outbreak status have been modified to safely continue providing Emergency and Highly Urgent dental services, intake dental screenings and radiographs (x-rays). Kites and previously scheduled appointments will continue to be evaluated by dental teams to determine which appointments can be rescheduled at a later time.

Under the advisement of Prisons/Health Services Unified Command, areas of the facility on quarantine status have revised their recreational activity/movement schedules to reduce the number of individuals in a single cohort (group). By grouping individuals into smaller cohorts, we are taking action to slow the spread of the virus and reduce the risk of more individuals becoming infected.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we continue to work through this in as safe a manner as possible. Remember to wear a mask, wash your hands, and practice social distancing.

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