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TO: All Staff

FROM: Stephen Sinclair, Secretary

SUBJECT: Temporary suspension of transfers to DOC

On December 17, 2020, Governor Inslee issued [Proclamation 20-80, DOC – Prison Commitments](#), prohibiting the transportation of individuals to state correctional facilities in an effort to assist the Washington State Department of Corrections in mitigating the spread of the COVID-19 virus in its facilities. The proclamation allows the agency to suspend the transfer of newly committed incarcerated individuals at the state’s two reception centers – Washington Corrections Center (WCC) and Washington Corrections Center for Women (WCCW).

There will be a complete stop of these transfers until January 4, 2021.

The suspension does not apply to those who are being held on violations of community supervision. The Department will continue to move violators to contracted jails as necessary. The suspension applies to prison Drug Offender Sentencing Alternative (DOSA) returns, Community Corrections Prisons (CCP) returns and those newly sentenced to the Department by the Courts.

The Department continues to value the mutual partnership between our public safety agencies and the work we are doing to benefit our communities and state during these unprecedented times.