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TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Stephen Sinclair, Secretary

SUBJECT: Airway Heights First COVID-Related Incarcerated Death

On December 18, 2020, an individual incarcerated at Airway Heights Corrections Center (AHCC) passed away at a local healthcare facility due to COVID-19 related illness.

The Department of Corrections offers its condolences to the family and friends of the decedent and remains committed to continue evaluating processes and following the [established COVID-19 screening, testing and infection control guidelines](#) as the Department works to contain and mitigate any spread of the virus.

Airway Heights continues to place living units on quarantine in an effort to limit transmission among the incarcerated population.

As a result of the growing number of COVID-19 positive cases, the facility initiated restricted movement to limit the potential exposure of COVID-19 among the facilities incarcerated population.

The Department of Corrections is committed to mitigating, containing and ceasing the spread of COVID-19 in its facilities and providing for the health and safety of the incarcerated, staff and the community.