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TO: All MCC Incarcerated Individuals

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SUBJECT: MCC COVID-19 Update

On December 29, 2020, the Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC) Washington State Reformatory Unit (WSRU) returned to outbreak status due to receiving positive COVID-19 test results for incarcerated individuals housed in WSRU C unit. Individuals who tested positive were placed in medical isolation. WSRU C and D units were placed on quarantine status and all incarcerated individuals in these units were tested for COVID-19 on December 30, 2020.

Twin Rivers Unit (TRU) E unit and WSRU Old Segregation were opened to function as Violator Intake Separation Units. The transition of these units to violator intake will allow other violator beds to be transitioned to medical isolation beds. Individuals on intake separation are kept separate from the general population while being tested and monitored for symptoms of COVID-19.

The Department received a limited amount of COVID-19 vaccine doses on December 28, 2020 and began vaccinating staff and incarcerated individuals according to Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention's Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) and Washington State Department of Health (DOH) recommendations for Phase 1A vaccine dosing prioritization. The recommendation is that workers in healthcare settings, who are most at risk for becoming infected, such as those working in units that care for people with COVID-19, as well as residents of community long-term care facilities, be offered the first available doses of the vaccine. In the coming weeks and months, as further doses are received and prioritization guidelines are issued by the CDC and DOH, all Corrections employees and incarcerated individuals will be offered a COVID-19 vaccination.

As a reminder, tell a staff member if you are feeling sick. You may be sent to medical isolation so you can get medical care and so you do not get others sick. Medical isolation is not to punish you.

We will continue to keep you updated with any new information. Thank you for your patience and continued efforts to stay healthy.

Wash your hands, maintain social distance, and wear a mask.

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