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TO: All Monroe Correctional Complex Staff

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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.

The Incident Action Plan (IAP) for Operational Period: December 30, 2020 to January 6, 2021 was updated to reflect operational changes for units currently on quarantine.

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.

As a reminder, the [PPE Matrix](#) provides guidance on appropriate PPE for staff working in a variety of situations and the [WA State DOC COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Infection Control Guidelines](#) details important information on DOC protocols to respond to the emerging COVID-19 outbreak.

DOC received a limited amount of COVID-19 vaccine doses on December 28, 2020 and began vaccinating staff and incarcerated individuals according to the approved [Phase 1A](#) dosing prioritization. For more information on the vaccine, please review the [Press Release](#) and [COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Staff at MCC continue to display their dedication and professionalism while adapting to the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you all for your commitment to public safety, your health, and health of those around you. We will continue to keep everyone updated and provide support through the Incident Command Post.

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

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