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TO: All Prisons Staff
FROM:  
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SUBJECT: Additional Information Re: Transfers from WCC

The Department continues to take measures necessary to protect the health and safety of the incarcerated individuals and staff at all facilities. In order to create capacity and manage the outbreaks at facilities across the state, certain approved incarcerated individuals will be transferring out of Washington Corrections Center (WCC).

Individuals transferring from WCC are COVID-19 recovered, or have tested negative at least twice and have remained without any COVID-related symptoms prior to transfer.

COVID-19 Recovered Individuals

- Individuals who are COVID-19 recovered are no longer at risk for shedding the virus and are not contagious.
- They can be housed anywhere safely without concern.

COVID-19 Negative Individuals

- Individuals who tested negative at least twice at WCC prior to transfer and do not have any COVID-related symptoms.
- They will be housed separately in designated areas upon arrival at the new facility.
- They will be tested upon arrival, and tested again seven (7) days later.
- This will ensure the entire cohort has received an additional two (2) consecutive negative tests.

We understand that there may be concerns about receiving incarcerated individuals from other facilities. We have protocols in place to mitigate the spread of the virus and keep the incarcerated individuals and staff healthy and safe.