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TO: All MCC Incarcerated Individuals

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SUBJECT: MCC COVID-19 Update

The Washington State Reformatory Unit (WSRU) Gym is being converted into an alternate housing area for asymptomatic COVID-19 positive patients on medical isolation and is expected to be operational this week. The additional medical isolation beds are necessary to accommodate the increase in positive COVID-19 cases, ensure continuity of care during the medical isolation period, and prevent further outbreak. The Intensive Management Unit (IMU) will continue to house symptomatic COVID-19 positive patients. Asymptomatic close contacts are placed on quarantine status in their current assigned housing.

Staff escorting and/or transporting COVID-19 positive patients continue to adhere to the PPE Matrix and Transport Vehicle Sanitation Expectations to mitigate the risk of spreading COVID-19. Intensive cleaning protocols focusing on sanitizing high touch surfaces continues throughout all of MCC.

On January 5, 2021, Prisons/Health Services Unified Command Incident Commanders provided additional information to all prisons staff regarding transfers from WCC. Specifically, individuals transferring from WCC will be either 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 can be housed in any custody appropriate housing and are not a risk to transmit the virus.
- COVID-19 Negative individuals will be placed on intake separation upon arrival.

WSRU Gym

- Donning and doffing stations have been setup directly outside the area requiring PPE.
- Restroom/shower combo trailers are being installed next to the gym.
- The living area will be equipped with televisions, telephones, and recreational activities.
- Patients will be allowed to bring a limited amount of personal property, including commissary, hygiene, publications, legal materials, and religious items.

We will continue to keep you updated with information related to COVID-19 and will provide additional information on the vaccine as it becomes available. Thank you for your patience.

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

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