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To: WCC All Staff

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**SUBJECT: WCC COVID-19 Weekly Update**

Based on recent events related to positive COVID-19 cases and increasing numbers of quarantined/isolation of incarcerated individuals in the facility, [COVID-19 testing](#) and housing strategies continue to adjust and transition. The facility continues restricted operations, with considerations and planning on allowing a gradual return of work and limited recreation access for those who are now identified as recovered from COVID-19.

It is imperative to make sure you are continuing to wear your appropriate [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#), as well as social distancing at all times. This has especially been a concern when we are sitting down to eat, taking breaks, or having meetings in small spaces or otherwise at our most vulnerable times. Please be diligent in following proper protocols.

Safety Officer Larry Henderson has begun for testing for the [N95 mask](#) update all staff who potentially work in any area requiring its usage.

WCC has begun the [vaccination program](#) for staff. The first of two required doses were administered to staff under the Phase 1A prioritization list. Staff who have received the vaccine are still [required to wear your proper PPE](#) and practice social distancing.

It is vital that we continue to follow the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) guidelines](#), ensuring to follow the 6 foot social distancing rule, washing your hands, and keeping areas of the institution sanitized. Staff must remain diligent in wearing your masks at all times, as your safety, as well as your family's, are a priority for DOC.

I want to thank you for your hard work and dedication during this very difficult time. It is important to remain strong, support one another, and be kind to one another.

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