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TO: CRCC Incarcerated Individuals

FROM: CRCC Incident Command Post 

SUBJECT: CRCC-MSD Outbreak

On January 12, 2021, Coyote Ridge Corrections Center (CRCC) confirmed that an incarcerated individual housed in our Medium Security Complex (MSC) tested positive for COVID-19. Additionally, on January 14, 2021, CRCC received confirmation that an employee, who had worked in close proximity to the positive incarcerated individual, tested positive.

As a result of the positive test results, and per Department protocol, CRCC-MSD is considered to be in outbreak status. The contact mapping process for incarcerated individuals and staff has begun and are following established protocols. A health care team is completing symptom and temperature checks of all incarcerated individuals in the housing unit daily. Employees and incarcerated individuals considered to have been in close contact will be notified.

CRCC is also placing E-unit, where the individual was housed, into precautionary quarantine. CRCC has conducted testing of individuals in E-unit and expects to receive test results in three to five days. Individuals will be notified if the results are positive for COVID-19.

Depending on test results, incarcerated individuals may be moved to a different housing assignment. Individuals who test positive will be housed together. Individuals who test negative will be tested a second time and those that receive a double negative result will be housed together.

Everyone here at CRCC has been issued protective equipment to keep themselves safe and to help prevent the spread of this virus among staff, as well as the individuals. Staff continue to thoroughly clean and disinfect the affected unit and encourage other precautionary activities, including providing extra cleaning supplies to the incarcerated individuals, strictly enforcing face covering and social distancing rules and strongly encouraging increased handwashing and sanitation.

Corrections is committed to everyone's safety. We will continue to communicate with you as we progress through this pandemic.