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**To:** All Coyote Ridge Corrections Center Staff  
**From:** Incident Command Post   
**Subject:** CRCC COVID-19 Update

Our priority is to ensure the health and safety of all staff and incarcerated individuals at CRCC with the goal of mitigating the spread of COVID-19. Overall CRCC has done well, but our efforts must continue as this pandemic is not over. Your continued cooperation on these efforts is essential to achieve this goal.

Below is an update to the current status of CRCC-MSA:

- Since the COVID-19 outbreak started at MSA E Unit, there have been 34 positive incarcerated individual cases in the last 30 days.
- COVID-19 positive individuals are currently being housed in B unit A pod.
- Those identified as close contacts to COVID positive individuals are placed on quarantine status in Restricted Housing.
  - Individuals placed in restricted housing for quarantine or medical isolation are allowed to take Jpay player, ear buds, charger, 1 bottle of shampoo 1 stick of deodorant, 1 bar of soap, 1 tooth brush, 1 tube of toothpaste, 1 comb, brush or pick, keep on person medication issued by medical, legal property, and address book
- E unit is on quarantine status pending additional testing. The first round of testing has been completed and they have received another round of testing with the results pending.
- Individuals who are on quarantine status may be cleared from quarantine when they have two (2) consecutive negative tests and the unit has been cleared of any new COVID-19 positive cases for at least 14 days.

- Incarcerated individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 may return to their unit when they are no longer showing symptoms for a period of 14 days and all requirements identified in the [WA State DOC COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Infection Control Guidelines](#) are completed.
- The fundraiser for the medium custody units will continue as scheduled.

Please remember that the use of quarantine and medical isolation is only a part of the safety measures necessary to mitigate the spread of this virus.

- **It is imperative that you wear your face covering and/or surgical mask at all times.** As we have currently seen many who are infected with COVID have no symptoms, and are unaware that they have it. When you are not wearing a mask, the COVID-19 virus can easily spread and escapes your body through talking, coughing, sneezing and laughing. Failing to wear your mask when around others, specifically when within six (6) feet, increases the risk of you exposing yourself and others to this virus.
- Social distancing is a significant factor in stopping the spread of COVID-19. During times of outbreak we often move people around and create more distance. This significantly slows the spread of this virus and has proven to be successful. Please continue to do your part and stay at least six (6) feet from others when possible.
- Wash hands frequently.

Staff are encouraged to report sick incarcerated individuals immediately to medical staff for an assessment.