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**TO:** All Brownstone Residents

**FROM:**  Rita Cziglenyi, Community Corrections Supervisor

**SUBJECT:** COVID-19 Update for Brownstone Work Training Release

As of January 17, 2021, Brownstone Work Training Release has been placed on quarantine status based on the [WA State DOC COVID-19 Screening, Testing and Infection Control Guidelines](#) and we are following the [WA State DOC Work/Training Release COVID-19 Outbreak Checklist](#). There have been three (3) confirmed cases of COVID-19 and those individuals have been temporarily placed in a medical isolation unit offsite. To mitigate the spread of COVID-19 at Brownstone, we are following appropriate protocols to increase sanitation efforts, screening and serial testing to quickly identify others who may have been exposed and limiting the movement among residents to help eliminate any exposure.

The facility is implementing a structured response to ensure essential activities continue, such as laundry, meals, showers, recreation, communication and releases/transfers/intakes. Your health and safety continue to be our priority. All medical directives are in accordance with [Washington State Department of Health](#) and [Centers for Disease Control](#) Guidelines.

Residents have access to cell phones to increase communications with staff, friends and family. It is important that you report any symptoms to staff as soon as you become aware. Ensure you follow the quarantine protocols by wearing your surgical mask at all times, disinfect anything that you touch and wash your hands immediately after touching a surface. Please stay in your room and call staff if there is a need to leave your room outside of your scheduled cohort time.

It is imperative to make sure you are wearing your appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), as well as social distancing at all times. This is especially important when residents are going to and from the bathrooms and showers. Please be diligent in following proper protocols and put on your mask prior to opening your door.

We appreciate your continued patience. We are working hard to ensure you have resources to address any emotional distress during this time. There are activity packets, craft supplies and games to help pass the time. Additionally, room and board waivers are being reinstated during this outbreak to alleviate concerns of incurring debt due to COVID-19 restrictions. We have stationery and envelopes to help you reach out to your family, friends and others who have been a positive support to you. Brownstone will pay for your postage at this time.

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. Please do your part to stay healthy.

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