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**TO:** All MCC Incarcerated Individuals

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

The Washington State Reformatory Unit (WSRU) A and B units were placed on quarantine status on January 16, 2021 after receiving a positive test result for COVID-19 of an incarcerated individual housed in the unit. All individuals housed in both WSRU A and B units were tested for COVID-19 following protocols in the [WA State DOC COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Infection Control Guidelines](#) and additional positive cases were placed on medical isolation. A second round of testing was completed on January 19, 2021 and the quarantine will conclude after completing the required quarantine timeline and pending medical approval.

On the evening of January 17, 2021 the quarantined individuals housed in WSRU A and B units were involved in a disturbance that caused damage to state property and threatened the safety and security of the facility. For the safety of the staff and incarcerated population, WSRU A and B units were placed on restricted movement. This incident is being investigated by the Intelligence and Investigations Unit (IIU) and the restricted movement in WSRU B unit has been lifted. The restricted movement in WSRU A unit is expected to be lifted tomorrow, January 23, 2020, pending no additional safety concerns arise.

An outbreak recovery plan for WSRU was developed in collaboration with Prisons/Health Services Unified Command Incident Commanders to help the facility reach new normal operations. This past week WSRU C and D units began housing individuals who are medically cleared and have recovered from COVID-19.

Individuals that are post-quarantine and/or post-medical isolation may safely be housed in the living units and are able to return to work.

As a reminder, it is important that individuals living and working in all units continue to follow COVID-19 protocols, wear appropriate PPE, socially distance and wash hands frequently.

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