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**TO:** All MCC Incarcerated Individuals

**FROM:** John Padilla, Incident Commander

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

The Washington State Reformatory Unit (WSRU) A and B units were given their second round of COVID-19 testing on Tuesday, January 26, 2021. Any positive cases have been placed on medical isolation status. Subsequent testing per WA State DOC COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Infection Control Guidelines will be repeated every seven days until all individuals in the quarantined area have two consecutive negative results. Once test results show that all incarcerated individuals in the living units have two negative tests AND they have been on quarantine status for at least 14 days from their last contact with COVID-19 positive or symptomatic individuals, the living units can be removed from quarantine.

Incarcerated individuals on medical isolation 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. All efforts will be taken to release individuals back to their original assigned housing location.

**Medical isolation:** Separating a symptomatic patient with a concern for a communicable disease from other patients. Medical isolation status also applies to asymptomatic patients testing positive for COVID-19.

**Quarantine:** Separating asymptomatic patients who have been exposed to a communicable disease from other patients through close contact.

**Cohort:** Grouping patients infected with or exposed to the same agent together. Isolated and quarantined patients should NOT cohort together.

If on a quarantine unit, your visitors need to select video visit times that do not conflict with your cohort schedule. You are responsible for communicating your schedule with your visitor. The cohort schedule is posted in the unit and provided to those on quarantine. Visitors may request the \$7.95 video visit fee to be refunded through JPay if an I/I misses a visit and/or re-schedules.

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

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