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**TO:** All Monroe Correctional Complex Staff

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

The Washington State Reformatory Unit (WSRU) A and B units remain on quarantine and continue serial testing. As new positive cases are identified, those individuals are placed into medical isolation. Subsequent testing per [WA State DOC COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Infection Control Guidelines](#) will be repeated every seven (7) days until all individuals in the quarantined housing units have two (2) consecutive negative results. Once test results show that all incarcerated individuals in the living units have two (2) negative tests, the living units can be removed from quarantine.

It has been a little over two weeks since we started administering the rapid antigen testing for staff. This new process is proving to be successful in getting staff back online and reducing mandatory overtime.

GTL is scheduled to come to MCC on Friday, January 29, to make repairs to the phone carts and replace the phone cords. In an effort to preserve the integrity of the cord, please share with individuals using the phones, the need to pay attention to how much cord slack is available and refrain from pulling the cord from the wall. A plan is being developed to replace the cords with an upgraded version and to get the cords off the floor.

DOC received a [limited amount of COVID-19 vaccine](#) doses and recently began vaccinating staff and incarcerated individuals according to the approved [Phase 1A and Phase 1B1](#) dosing prioritization. As a reminder, you also have the option of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine in the community. There is a vetted [Vaccine Location List](#) on the Department of Health website.

Please continue to wear required surgical masks, practice socially distancing, wash your hands frequently and sanitize high touch areas often.

Thank you all for your continued commitment to public safety, your health, and the health of those around you.

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