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To: WCC All Staff

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

Based on recent events related to positive COVID-19 cases and increasing numbers of quarantined and medical isolation of incarcerated individuals in the facility, [COVID-19 testing](#) and housing strategies continue to adjust and transition. The facility continues restricted operations, with considerations and planning on allowing a gradual return of work and limited recreation access for those who are now identified as recovered from COVID-19.

The Incident Command Post (ICP) personnel remain the same. The ICP will hold a weekly Operations briefing meeting Wednesday at 0800.

Currently R1 is on quarantine status, R2 is cleared, and R3 is housing individuals on separation intake. The M BLDG gym and TC Gym are housing medical isolation or COVID-19 recovered individuals. R4 has been cleared from quarantine. R5 A/B/C/D tiers are cleared. R5 E/F/G/H tiers are on medical isolation status. R6 A/B/C/D/E/F tiers are cleared. R6 G/H tiers are on quarantine status. Both Cedar Hall and Evergreen Hall are cleared. The Daily Tier COVID-19 Status Report will be submitted daily at 0800.

It is imperative to make sure you are continuing to wear your appropriate [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#), as well as social distancing at all times. This is especially important when we are sitting down to eat, taking breaks, or having meetings in small spaces or otherwise at our most vulnerable times. Please be diligent in following proper protocols.

WCC has begun the [vaccination program](#) for staff. Staff who have received the vaccine are still [required to wear your proper PPE](#) and practice social distancing.

It is vital that we continue to follow the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) guidelines](#), follow the six (6) foot social distancing rule, wash hands, and keep areas of the institution sanitized. Staff must remain diligent in wearing their masks at all times, as your safety, as well as your family's, are a priority for DOC.

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 to one another.

*Wash your hands, maintain social distance, and wear a mask.*

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