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**TO:** All AHCC Staff  
**FROM:** James Key, Superintendent  
**RE:** AHCC Fourth and Fifth COVID-Related Incarcerated Deaths

Two (2) incarcerated individuals at Airway Heights Corrections Center (AHCC) passed away at community healthcare facilities due to COVID-19 related illness on January 26, 2021, and January 29, 2021 respectively. Both individuals had complex underlying medical conditions, which required additional review of community healthcare facility records, in order to make a final determination.

The Department of Corrections offers it's condolences to the family and friends of the decedents and remains committed to continue evaluating processes and following the [established COVID-19 screening, testing and infection control guidelines](#) as the Department works to contain and mitigate any spread of the virus.

As a result of the growing number of COVID-19 positive cases, the facility initiated restricted movement at both the Main and Minimum Security Unit in early December to limit the potential exposure of COVID-19 among the facilities incarcerated population.

Please ensure you are reporting any symptoms, maintaining six (6) feet of social distance and wearing face coverings when appropriate. Your health and safety, and that of the community and our staff remains the agency's top priority.