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TO: All MCC Incarcerated Individuals
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SUBJECT: MCC Weekly COVID-19 Update

What is a cohort? Why is cohorting important?

- **Cohort:** Grouping patients infected with or exposed to the same agent together. Isolated and quarantined patients should NOT cohort together.
- The purpose of a cohort is to minimize the risk spreading COVID-19. Smaller cohorts also minimize the amount of contact tracing that needs to be done when there is a potential exposure.

As of January 24th, the state moved to Phase 1B Tier 1 for COVID-19 vaccine prioritization which includes people 65 years and older.

The ability to provide vaccine doses is based on the supply available to the state. The Department expects this vaccination phase to take several weeks, based on the current limited availability of vaccine doses. Monroe will begin providing vaccine doses to Phase 1B1 eligible incarcerated individuals when there is enough vaccine supply to do so and will continue to keep you updated.

Some incarcerated individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 and are symptomatic have been housed in the Rapid Deployment Care Facility (RDCF) at the Twin Rivers Unit (TRU). Incarcerated individuals that are COVID-19 positive and are not symptomatic have been housed in the Washington State Reformatory Unit gym.

As a reminder, any issues with the phone lines can be self-reported to GTL at 360-555-1212. Family and friends can also self-report GTL issues to GTL ConnectNetwork Customer Service: 877-650-4249 or <https://web.connectnetwork.com/contact-us-via-email/>.

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