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**TO:** All MCC Incarcerated Individuals  
**FROM:** Michele Wood, Incident Commander  
**SUBJECT:** MCC Weekly COVID-19 Update

This past week we completed a lot of moves due to COVID-19 testing results and the effort to consolidate quarantine areas. All of the Minimum Security Unit C unit Tier 3 COVID-19 tests came back with their second consecutive negative result and that tier has now been removed from quarantine status. The majority of E and F pods at IMU have also been removed from quarantine status. Washington State Reformatory Unit B unit has been designated as a COVID-19 cleared unit and will house incarcerated individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 and have been asymptomatic for 14 days or more and cleared by Health Services to be removed from medical isolation status.

In an effort to keep your loved ones informed of what is happening at the Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC) we facilitate a weekly call with the Local Family Council (LFC). To participate in these calls your loved one must be an approved visitor in good standing. If your loved one would like to be included in these calls they need to send an email to Kathleen Bechler, Administrative Assistant 3 ([klbechler@DOC1.WA.GOV](mailto:klbechler@DOC1.WA.GOV)).

We also want to remind everyone, to include those who have recovered from COVID-19 and/or anyone who has received a COVID-19 vaccine, of the mandatory requirement to wear a surgical mask. This direction was reinstated in a [memo](#) from Julie Martin, Deputy Secretary on December 31, 2020.

*“Whether you have had the vaccine, or have recovered from COVID-19, you are required to continue wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and follow COVID-19 protocols, such as physically distancing and frequent handwashing. Steps that the Centers for Disease Control recommends even after receiving the vaccine or recovering from COVID-19.”*