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TO: All MCC Staff
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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.

As a reminder, we are still in Step 1 on the [Safe Start Corrections](#) guideline. This guide is very helpful in staying updated on the current state of operations. For example, below is the current status on the performing of searches:

- **Pat search:** random searches suspended, reasonable suspicion only
- **Strip search:** performed at distance of 6 feet
- **Cell search:** random searches and cell inspections suspended, reasonable suspicion only
- **Staff search:** routine, random, and mandatory pat searches suspended

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. If you have questions regarding appropriate PPE, reference the [PPE Matrix](#), which was updated on January 25, 2021.