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**TO:** All Ahtanum View Work Training Release Residents  
**FROM:** Ruth Hanson, Community Corrections Supervisor   
**SUBJECT:** COVID-19 Update for Ahtanum View Work Training Release – 03/05/21

On February 24, 2021, Ahtanum View Work/Training Release was placed on quarantine status as a result of one (1) resident and one (1) staff positive COVID-19 cases. As of March 4, 2021, there have been four (4) total resident cases. Positive residents are being monitored offsite.

The facility is operating under a structured response to ensure meals, mail, and medications are being delivered timely. In addition to regular meal service, a daytime snack bag is also being provided. Laundry will be done for the residents weekly. Time outside is being facilitated daily. Residents continue to have access to cell phones (facility or their own) to increase communications with staff, family, and friends.

Serial testing continues and results are expected for all residents and staff. To be cleared from quarantine status, all staff and residents must all have two (2) consecutive negative tests and be at least 14 days from the last contact with COVID-19 positive or symptomatic individuals. The Reentry Liaison, in consultation with agency health services staff, will determine when to clear the facility from quarantine status. At this time, we do not have a specific end date for the quarantine.

Community Corrections Officers have been in constant communication with employers and treatment providers regarding the facility status. When the determination has been made to lift quarantine restrictions, residents must follow directives and cohort schedules. There will be an updated schedule provided as soon as possible.

On March 3, 2021, the DOC COVID-19 Medical Team sent a memo to the incarcerated and resident population which provided additional information about the surgical mask wearing requirement.

**What type of mask are the incarcerated and resident population required to wear?**

- Effective March 4, 2021, all incarcerated individuals and work release residents are required to wear a surgical mask whenever they are outside their cell/room or leave their assigned bunk in an open dorm setting.

- As an option, incarcerated individuals and residents can:
  - Knot and tuck their surgical masks to allow for a better fit.
  - Choose to wear a cloth face covering over their surgical mask to improve the fit.
- Surgical masks will be available for daily replacement or when mask is wet or soiled.
- Surgical masks must be worn when outdoors or during heavy exercise, but should be replaced soon after activity if the mask becomes wet.
- Individuals housed in Intensive Management Units will be provided with a surgical mask during movement only. The mask will be discarded upon returning to their cell and if necessary, can be checked to ensure the metal nose piece is still in place at that time.
- Individuals housed in Residential Treatment Units will use surgical masks without the metal nose piece or with the metal nose piece removed, and are required to wear a cloth mask over the surgical mask to improve fit.

This continued to be a team effort and I appreciate each of you for following the protocols of wearing required PPE, social distancing and sanitizing anything you come in contact with. As always wash your hands, use hand sanitizer, and maintain a positive attitude. Let's work together and will get through this together!

A copy of this memo will be provided in Spanish as well.