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

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Effective March 4, 2021, all incarcerated individuals are required to wear surgical masks whenever they are outside their cell/room or leave their assigned bunk in an open dorm setting per the [Mandatory Use of Surgical Masks Extended and Expanded](#) memo sent by Secretary Stephen Sinclair on February 25, 2021. In addition, the mandatory wearing of surgical masks for all departmental staff, contract staff and persons entering all department locations was extended. For additional information, please see the [Mask Up - Surgical Mask Expectations and Proper Use](#) memo from the DOC COVID-19 Medical Team.

COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Testing that was implemented on January 12, 2021 at MCC is being discontinued, except for testing Health Services staff and those attending/instructing Correctional Worker Core (CWC). Effective no later than March 15, 2021, staff and instructors scheduled to attend/instruct in-person training occurring at a DOC training facility/Performance Center lasting more than one (1) day in duration, will now also be required to submit to Rapid Antigen testing on the first day of training and on the first day of each new week of training. Rapid antigen testing does not replace the previously announced requirement for training attendees and instructors to complete serial testing as previously announced in a [memo](#) dated January 26, 2021. Staff and instructors are required to have a serial test completed the week prior to arriving at training and are required to participate in weekly serial testing at the training facility/Performance Center.

The [Rapid Deployment Care Facility](#) (RDCF) and WSRU Gym are currently cleared of COVID-19 patients. The WSRU Gym is being prepared for return to recreational use. The RDCF will remain on standby until further notice. TRU E unit is also vacant and no longer being utilized for Ad-SEG placements at this time.

Please remember that it is important that we continue to socially distance, appropriate [PPE](#), maintain hand hygiene, get vaccinated if you have chosen to do so, and stay home if sick. We encourage you to follow these practices while you're away from work as well.

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