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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 – 03/12/21

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 11, 2021, there have been six (6) total resident cases in the last 30 days. Positive residents are being monitored offsite.

Following the WA State DOC COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Infection Control Guideline, residents have started to return to the facility from medical isolation at the offsite location. Returning residents have met the protocols outlined in the guideline and their medical isolation status is removed following the review of the work release medical consultant or designee.

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.

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.