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**TO:** WCC All Staff

**FROM:** Shawn Brooks, Incident Commander 

**SUBJECT:** WCC COVID-19 Update

Effective April 23, 2021, the Washington Corrections Center is no longer under COVID-19 outbreak status. The removal from outbreak status does not change our current important COVID-19 practices. It simply means the facility no longer meets the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) definition of an [outbreak](#) which is:

- Two (2) or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 in incarcerated individuals occurring within 14 days OR
- One (1) or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 in an incarcerated individual AND
- One (1) or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 in DOC staff working in proximity to the incarcerated individual case/cases occurring within 14 days

It is imperative to make sure you continue to wear your appropriate [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#), as well as social distancing at all times. Please encourage and model the same behavior that we expect from our incarcerated population.

Similarly, it is vital that we continue to follow the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) guidelines](#), ensuring to follow the six (6) foot social distancing rule, washing your hands, and keeping areas of the institution sanitized. Staff must remain diligent in wearing your masks at all times, as your safety, as well as your family's, are a priority.

Stay safe, all.