



STATE OF WASHINGTON
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TO: All Progress House Work/Training Release Residents

FROM: Laura Deckard, Community Corrections Supervisor

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update for Progress House Work/Training Release

Effective April 23, 2021, Progress House Work/Training Release (PHWTR) 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

Residents have access to cell phones to increase communications with staff, friends, and family. It is important that you report any symptoms to staff as soon as you become aware. Ensure you follow the quarantine protocols by wearing your surgical mask at all times, disinfect anything that you touch and wash your hands immediately after touching a surface. Please remain in your room, leaving only for restroom use or in the event of an emergency evacuation.

It is imperative to make sure you are wearing your appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), as well as social distancing at all times. This is especially important when residents are going to and from the bathrooms and showers. Please be diligent in following proper protocols and put on your mask prior to opening your door. Surgical masks will be available for daily replacement or when mask is wet or soiled.

We appreciate your continued patience. We are working hard to ensure you have resources to address any emotional distress during this time. Additionally, room and board waivers will cease on April 30, 2021. We have stationery and envelopes to help you reach out to your family, friends and others who have been a positive support to you.

I want to thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this very difficult time. It is important to remain strong, to support one another, and be kind. Please do your part to stay healthy.