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TO: All Progress House Work/Training Release Staff

Laura Deckard

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

It is imperative that you continue to wear your appropriate [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#), as well as social distancing at all times. Stay diligent in washing your hands, sanitizing frequently touched objects and to ensure these things are being done outside of work as well.

Please take the time to review the December 2, 2020 memo sent regarding [Required COVID-19 Safety Practices](#), to ensure you are taking appropriate steps to keep you, your families, and those in our custody, as safe as possible. Your health and safety, and the health and safety of those in our custody, is our main priority. All medical directives are in accordance with [Washington State Department of Health](#) and [Centers for Disease Control](#) Guidelines.

Resources continue to be available to address any emotional distress you may be experiencing during this difficult time. The Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team is available to anyone needing help. Additionally, we are all here as a team, and we will get through this together.

I want to thank you for your hard work and dedication during this very difficult time. It is important to remain strong, support one another, and be kind. Let's all do our part to stay healthy.