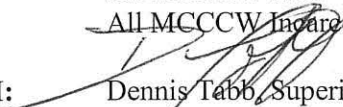




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May 6, 2021

TO: All MCCCW Staff
~~All MCCCW Incarcerated Individuals~~

FROM:  Dennis Tabb, Superintendent
Mission Creek Corrections Center for Women

SUBJECT: MCCCW Limited Area Outbreak

On April 7, 2021, Mission Creek Corrections Center for Women (MCCCW) confirmed that a staff member tested positive for COVID-19. Additionally, on April 19, 2021, MCCCW received confirmation that four (4) incarcerated individuals, housed in Gold Unit, had tested positive. As a result of those positive test results, and per Department protocol, MCCCW was considered to be on outbreak status.

On May 6, 2021, the Department announced an update to the COVID-19 protocols and shared the definition of a Limited Area Outbreak. Facilities that experience an outbreak, that is very limited to one area, may be placed on a Limited Area Outbreak. Meaning only the impacted area would be on outbreak status, and the rest of the facility would remain unaffected.

In a consultation with Headquarters Clinical Leadership and Prisons Operations Leadership, the determination was made that MCCCW would be removed from outbreak status, and Gold Unit, the only affected area, would be placed on a Limited Area Outbreak.

While Gold Unit will remain quarantined and unable to participate in visitation, the rest of the facility will continue normal operations.

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.

Corrections is committed to everyone's safety. We will continue to communicate with you as we progress through this pandemic.

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