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TO: All AHCC Staff and Incarcerated Individuals
From: James Key, Superintendent 
Subject: Facility COVID-19 Status Update

In the past week we have had positive news to share with our staff and incarcerated populations around our COVID-19 status and response. Last Saturday we received testing results that allowed us to remove T-Unit B-side from quarantine, ending our area outbreak status in the main facility. Today we received test results that will allow us to remove Unit C-4 E-tier from quarantine status also.

The responsible actions of both staff and our incarcerated population have allowed us to move through this process quickly, responsibly, and with a minimum amount of impact on the larger part of our operations. This highlights just how far we have come in our COVID-19 response measures and how much more effective our latest measures have been in isolating potential outbreaks.

It is also a good reminder that we are still fighting a pandemic with the potential for future outbreaks. Recent data from the Spokane Regional Health District shows positive COVID-19 cases on the rise again, with daily case numbers exceeding 200, and the 2 week case rate for Spokane County at 310.8 cases per 100,000 residents. These are all reminders that we need to continue to be diligent in our efforts to be mask compliant, social distance, and to clean, sanitize, and disinfect. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to each other's safety.