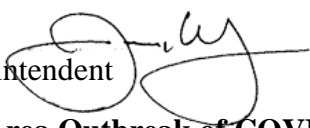




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August 20, 2021

To: All AHCC Staff  
From: James Key, Superintendent   
Subject: **R-Unit Limited Area Outbreak of COVID-19**

On August 20, 2021, Airway Heights Corrections Center (AHCC) confirmed that (2) incarcerated individuals in R-Unit tested positive for COVID-19. As a result of these positive test results, and per Department protocol, R-Unit is considered to be on Limited Area Outbreak status.

On May 5, 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 R-Unit would be placed on a Limited Area Outbreak.

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

Only authorized staff should be in R-Unit at this time. It is imperative that everyone continue to wear a Surgical Mask, or appropriate [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#), and practice social distancing at all times and hold the incarcerated responsible to meet these standards. 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.

We will also be activating the following Incident Command System and general staff Positions:

- AHCC Incident Commander: Frank Rivera,
- Health Services Incident Commander: Don McIntyre,
- Operations Section Chief: William Stockwell,
- Planning Section Chief: Juline Martin,
- Logistics Section Chief: Patrick Strand, and
- Public Information Officer: Mike Rainville

If you must contact these staff, please do so through their listed office phone numbers. As we receive additional updates on this Limited Area Outbreak, we will send out updated information. Please continue to wear your issued surgical masks, follow PPE protocols, socially distance, and serial test weekly. The preventative measures that we take now will help us limit the outbreak effect on the facility and help us resolve this as quickly as possible.