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To: All AHCC Staff

From:  James Key, Superintendent

Subject: **COVID-19 Weekly Update**

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 was put on Limited Area Outbreak status.

The first round of COVID-19 testing for R-Unit did not result in any additional positive test results. R-Unit remains on quarantine status, per our current protocols, and second round testing for the unit's incarcerated population is scheduled for tomorrow, Friday, August 27, 2021.

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

Only authorized staff should be in R-Unit during 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 have activated the following Incident Command System and general staff positions:

- AHCC Incident Commander: William Stockwell,
- Health Services Incident Commander: Don McIntyre,
- Operations Section Chief: Paul Duenich,
- Planning Section Chief: Juline Martin,
- Logistics Section Chief: Kerry McCarthy, and

- Public Information Officer: Susan Biller

If you must contact these staff, please do so through their listed office phone numbers.

Please continue to wear your issued surgical masks, follow PPE protocols, socially distance, and serial test weekly. These continued preventative measures will help us limit the outbreak effect on the facility and hopefully assist in resolving this as quickly as possible.