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TO: All Work Release Staff
All Work Release Residents
Work Release Sponsors & Families

FROM: David Ganas
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SUBJECT: Suspension of Social Outings, Facility Visitation, Non-Essential Community Access

On August 16th, 2021 Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC) Work Release facilities, as part of the DOC Safe Start plan expanded social outings, and provided an opportunity for in facility visitation for those individuals that were not yet eligible for social outings.

Over the past 5 months, DOC Work Release Facilities have also been slowly increasing opportunities for residents in these facilities to access the community for non-essential activities, including gyms and fitness centers

Given the significant increases of COVID-19 cases in our communities, and a concern for your health and safety in our work release facilities: social outings, in facility visitation, and non-essential community access **is suspended effective September 6, 2021.**

We will continue evaluating the situation as the pandemic evolves, with the consultation of our clinical teams, and continue assessing for opportunities to safely return to the important activities that assist our residents in preparing for successful reentry to the communities.

Thank you for your patience, and adaptability through these uncertain and difficult times, we hope to get through this period of the pandemic as safely as possible, and be able to return to more normal operations when this surge in COVID-19 cases decreases.

cc: Danielle Armbruster, Assistant Secretary, Reentry Division
Sean Murphy, Deputy Secretary