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**TO:** All WCC Staff  
**FROM:** Shawn Brooks, Incident Commander   
**SUBJECT:** WCC Facility Wide Outbreak & Restricted Movement Due to COVID-19

On August 31, 2021 Washington Corrections Center (WCC) confirmed that one (1) incarcerated individual from R-3 tested positive for COVID-19. Due to this positive test result, Potentially affected tiers in R-3 were placed on quarantine status and additional testing was conducted. On September 1, 2021 an additional seven (7) positive cases were confirmed. WCC, in conjunction with clinical staff, determined to place R-3 on Limited Area Outbreak status.

On September 3, 2021 additional positive COVID-19 tests were received and as a result of the COVID-19 positive cases and the associated quarantined cases that go with them, we have reached a point in time in which we will have to take additional steps to limit the potential exposure of COVID-19 to the WCC incarcerated population.

Beginning September 3, 2021, WCC will be in Restricted Movement status due to COVID-19. This change will impact the incarcerated population's ability to attend regularly scheduled programs, call-outs, and services. Additional information will be sent regarding these changes.

These steps are meant to minimize the short and long-term impact that our response will have on our incarcerated population at WCC. As we move forward in the coming weeks you can expect to see cohorting in the dayrooms and shower/bathroom areas, serial testing of our incarcerated population, and an increased awareness to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) protocols, cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting, and social distancing. It is our hope by taking these measures that we can cut down on the amount of potential exposures and reduce the amount of time it will take to get back to a new normal with our operations.

I am hoping that each and every one of you will be committed to following these standards so we can move past these restrictions as quickly as possible. By working together, I know that we can get past this difficult time and get to a place in which we can all have some relief from the restrictions that this pandemic has brought upon us all.

Thank you all for your cooperation and patience through this difficult time.

It is imperative that everyone continue to wear a Surgical Mask or appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), 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.

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

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progress through this pandemic.