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TO: All WCC Staff
FROM: Shawn Brooks, Incident Commander 
SUBJECT: WCC COVID-19 Weekly Update

Based on the positive COVID-19 cases and changing numbers of quarantined/isolation of incarcerated individuals in the facility, COVID-19 testing and housing strategies continue to adjust and transition. The facility continues restricted movement status, limited recreation access for those who are identified as cleared from Covid-19 and quarantine.

Currently R1 E/G/H tiers are cleared. R2 E/F/G tiers are cleared. R3 is on quarantine status. M building gym are housing covid positive asymptomatic individuals. R4 is on quarantine status, with C/D tier on intake/separation. R5 A/B/E/F tiers are on quarantine, C/D tiers are on Isolation, and G/H tiers are intake separation. R6 A/B tier is on quarantine, and the rest of the unit is cleared. Evergreen unit is on quarantine. Cedar unit is cleared. IMU F tier is on isolation/quarantine. RDCF is housing COVIDpositive symptomatic individuals.

These steps are meant to minimize the short and long-term impact that our response will have on our incarcerated population at WCC. We are currently utilizing 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. All visitation is canceled through September 30, 2021. It is our hope by taking these measures that we can cut down on the number 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.

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.

WCC is committed to everyone's safety. We will continue to communicate with you as the situation updates.

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