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To: WCC All Staff

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SUBJECT: WCC COVID-19 Weekly Update

Washington Corrections Center Incarcerated Individual's positive COVID-19 appear to be leveling off at this time. With the decreasing 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 operations, with considerations and planning on allowing a gradual return of work and limited recreation access for those who are now identified as recovered from COVID-19.

Currently R1 E/G/H tiers are cleared, A/B/C/D/F tiers are on quarantine. R2 E/F/H tiers are cleared, A/B/C/D/G tiers are on quarantine. All of R3 is cleared. R4 is under quarantine status with the exception of C/D tier which is on intake/separation. R5 A/B/E/F tiers are on quarantine, C/D tier is on isolation, G/H tier is on intake/separation. R6 A/B/C/D tiers are cleared, E/F/G/H tiers are on quarantine. Evergreen Hall is all cleared. Cedar Hall is all cleared. IMU is cleared with the exception of F Tier which is isolation/quarantine. RDCF is housing covid positive symptomatic individuals. M Building Gym is housing COVID positive asymptomatic individuals.

On 09-22-2021 WCC was placed onto a Facility Wide Cluster. In order to meet the criteria for a facility to be placed on a cluster 12 staff have to test positive in a 14 day period. WCC has had 16 staff test positive in a 14 day period. With the rise in COVID-19 cases, WCC has expanded from a facility wide outbreak to a facility wide cluster. With that in place, staff will be required to test 2 times per week until further notice.

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.

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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 have 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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