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**TO:** All AHCC Staff

**FROM:** James Key, Superintendent

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Key".

**SUBJECT:** AHCC Limited Area Outbreak T-Unit

On October 7, 2021 Airway Heights Corrections Center (AHCC) confirmed that two (2) incarcerated individuals in T unit tested positive for COVID-19. As a result of these positive test results, and per Department protocol, T unit is considered to be on Limited Area Outbreak status.

On May 5, 2021, the [Department announced](#) an update to the COVID-19 protocols and shared the definition of a Limited Area Outbreak. Facilities that experience an outbreak, that is very limited to one area, may be placed on a Limited Area Outbreak. Meaning only the impacted area would be on outbreak status, and the rest of the facility would remain unaffected.

In a consultation with Headquarters Clinical Leadership and Prisons Operations Leadership, the determination was made that T unit would be placed on a Limited Area Outbreak.

While T unit will remain quarantined and unable to participate in visitation, the rest of the facility will continue normal operations.

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.

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