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**DATE:** October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
**TO:** All Incarcerated Population  
**FROM:** Shawn Brooks, Incident Commander  
**SUBJECT:** WCC COVID-19 Weekly Update

Washington Corrections Center (WCC) Incarcerated Individuals' active COVID-19 cases and new positives have been reduced significantly. As such, as of 10-7-21, WCC is no longer considered to be on Facility Wide Outbreak status. The outbreak designation has been reduced to a Limited Area Outbreak, affecting only R-6 at this time.

Extended family visits are set to resume on October 8<sup>th</sup>. The visit room will resume normal operation on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

The facility is preparing to resume indoor recreation for unaffected living units as soon as feasible.

Currently R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, Evergreen Hall and Cedar Hall are all cleared status. R-6 A/B and C/D are cleared; E/F and G/H are currently quarantine status. R-5 A/B, E/F and G/H are quarantined, while C/D tier is isolation status. IMU is clear, except for F tier, which is on quarantine/isolation. The RDCF is housing COVID-19 positive individuals.

As of 10-7-21, WCC is no longer on Facility Wide Cluster outbreak. The status has been reduced to a Limited Area Cluster affecting only the Transportation Unit. They will continue to test twice a 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. 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 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

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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.