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To: All AHCC Staff

From:   
James Key, Superintendent

Subject: **COVID-19 Weekly Update**

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 was put on Limited Area Outbreak status.

The second round of COVID-19 testing for T-Unit did not result in any additional positive test results. T-Unit remains on quarantine status, per our current protocols, and third round testing for the unit's incarcerated population is scheduled for Monday, October 18, 2021.

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

Only authorized staff should be in T-Unit during this time. 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.

We are planning to soft close AHCC's Regional Care Facility (RCF) Monday, October 18, 2021 as the incarcerated individuals being housed from Coyote Ridge Corrections Center (CRCC) have recovered and returned to CRCC.

Please continue to wear your issued surgical masks, follow PPE protocols, socially distance, and serial test weekly. These continued preventative measures will help us limit the outbreak effect on the facility and hopefully assist in resolving this as quickly as possible.