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DATE: October 15th, 2021

TO: All Incarcerated Population

FROM: Shawn Brooks, Incident Commander

SUBJECT: WCC COVID-19 Weekly Update

Washington Corrections Center (WCC) has not had a positive Incarcerated Individual COVID-19 case attributed to the facility in the past 14 days. As such, as of 10-14-21, WCC is no longer considered to be on Local Area Outbreak status and a new normal has been established.

Currently R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, Evergreen Hall, and Cedar Hall are all cleared status. R-6 E/F tier are currently quarantine status; all other tiers are cleared. 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.

The visit room will resume normal operations on October 15th.

WCC's Transportation Unit continues to be under Limited Area Cluster Outbreak status. 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 <u>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)</u>, 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 <u>Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines</u>, 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.