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**TO:** All MCC Staff  
**FROM:** Lisa Anderson, Incident Commander  
**SUBJECT: COVID-19 Weekly Update**

On November 22, 2021 the Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC) confirmed that one (1) incarcerated individual and one (1) staff member at the Twin Rivers Unit (TRU) A unit tested positive for COVID-19. As a result of these positive test results, and per Department protocol, TRU A unit was placed on quarantine and TRU has been placed on facility-wide outbreak status.

Subsequently, the entire TRU A unit incarcerated population was tested for COVID-19. On November 24, 2021 MCC confirmed thirty-three (33) additional positive test results from TRU A unit. Incarcerated individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 were placed on medical isolation. TRU A unit remains on quarantine status.

Due to overlapping cohorts, additional COVID-19 testing will be occurring at TRU today and TRU B unit is being placed on quarantine status.

TRU Maintenance has been placed on limited area cluster status. While the main institution Health Services Outpatient Clinic staff are following additional testing requirements per the Prisons Division COVID-19 Cluster and Outbreak Checklist, the rest of the facility continues with normal operations.

These steps are meant to minimize the impacts that our response will have on our incarcerated population at MCC. As we move forward, you can expect to see a cohort (limited group) standard for dayrooms, outside recreation, dining, and shower/bathroom areas. Serial testing will continue for the incarcerated population. Staff will continue to ensure your awareness of, and compliance with, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) protocols, cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting your living areas, and social distancing. It is our hope in 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 trust that each of you will be committed to following these standards so that we can move past these restrictions as quickly as possible.

Only authorized staff should be in TRU A/B units during this time. It is imperative that everyone continue to wear a surgical mask, utilize appropriate [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#), serial test weekly, and follow the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) guidance on social distancing, hand washing, and keeping areas of the institution sanitized. Medical isolation

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and quarantine status timeframes will follow the current [WA State DOC COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Infection Control Guideline](#).

Thank you for all your hard work. These continued preventative measures will help us limit the outbreak effect on the facility and hopefully assist in resolving this as quickly as possible.