



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
MONROE CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX
P.O. Box 777 • Monroe, Washington 98272-0777
Phone (360) 794-2600 • Fax (360) 794-2680

November 25, 2021

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. 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.

On November 25, 2021 MCC confirmed that two (2) incarcerated individuals tested positive for COVID-19 in C and D units. Due to overlapping cohorts, additional COVID-19 testing is occurring at TRU and TRU B unit is being placed on quarantine status. As a result of these positive test results, and per Department protocol, all units at TRU have been placed on quarantine and TRU has been placed on facility-wide outbreak status.

TRU Maintenance was initially placed on limited area cluster status. Due to the additional positive cases in C & D units, the entire TRU facility has now been placed on quarantine and thus there is no need for separate status for TRU Maintenance at this time as they fall within the entire TRU facility outbreak.

Additional medical staff will be needed to assist with pill lines, diabetic lines, and taking other incarceration vitals. Please be advised that all medical staff assisting with quarantine and medical isolation cases should not have adjunct access to our 4th floor inpatient unit at WSRU where fragile medical cases are housed.

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

“Working Together for SAFER Communities”

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 any TRU 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 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.