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

As of Saturday, November 27, 2021, the Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC) confirmed four (4) new positive COVID-19 cases from C/D units, for a total of 64 current COVID-19 positive cases in individuals at the Twin Rivers Unit (TRU). All units (A, B, C, and D) at TRU remain on quarantine and under a facility-wide outbreak.

Currently, 64 individuals are in the medical isolation unit (IMU) at Monroe. The Washington State Reformatory Unit (WSRU) C unit has been opened for individuals who are COVID-19 positive but asymptomatic, and 35 individuals have been moved from IMU to the newly opened C-Unit. 25 individuals who are COVID-19 positive and showing symptoms will remain in the IMU for medical attention and observation. There have been no hospitalizations with the current facility-wide outbreak.

Please review the current Incident Action Plan (IAP) 204 form for specific instructions. The IAP should be posted on C/D units. Any changes to the IAP must be approved through the Incident Command Post (ICP).

Medical staff are needed to assist with pill lines, diabetic lines, and taking other patient 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 cases of medically fragile individuals 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 measures are intended to limit the spread of the outbreak and minimize the impacts 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

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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](#).

I sincerely appreciate all your hard work, especially during this time. Continued diligence with preventative measures will help limit the outbreak effect on the facility and return to normal as swiftly as possible.