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TO: All WCC Staff
All WCC Incarcerated Individuals

FROM: Shawn Brooks, Incident Commander


SUBJECT: WCC Limited Area Outbreaks

On 5-5-2021, the Department announced an update to the COVID-19 protocols and shared the definition of a Limited Area Outbreak. Facilities that experience an outbreak, that is very limited to one area, may be placed on a Limited Area Outbreak. Meaning only the impacted area would be on outbreak status, and the rest of the facility would remain unaffected.

On 12-29-2021, the Washington Corrections Center confirmed that two (2) Incarcerated Individuals from R-1 had tested positive for COVID-19. –Due to these positive test results, and per Department protocol, R-1 has been determined to be on Limited Area Outbreak status.

Additionally, on 12-29-2021, it was confirmed that an Incarcerated Individual housed in the Infirmary had tested positive for COVID-19. This, compounded by the fact that a staff member in the Infirmary has recently tested positive, determines that the Infirmary has also met the criteria to be on Limited Area Outbreak status.

On 12-30-2021, it was confirmed that an Incarcerated Individual housed in R-4 had tested positive for COVID-19. This, compounded by the fact that a staff member who had worked in R-4 recently tested positive, determines that R-4 has also met the criteria to be on Limited Area Outbreak status.

Evergreen Hall is currently on quarantine status but is not considered to be in outbreak.

It is imperative to make sure you continue to wear your appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), as well as social distancing at all times. Please encourage and model the same behavior that we expect from our incarcerated population.

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. Staff must remain diligent in wearing your masks at all times, as your safety, as well as your family's, are a priority.

Corrections is committed to everyone's safety. We will continue to communicate with you as we progress through this pandemic.

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