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TO: Olympia Reentry Center Staff and Residents
FROM: Patrick J. Gosney, Incident Commander
SUBJECT: Olympia Reentry Center Facility Wide Outbreak

As a precautionary measure, all incarcerated residents currently residing at the Olympia Reentry Center were COVID serial tested on January 1, 2022 via the BD Veritor (Rapid Antigen) system. Two (2) residents tested positive and were immediately placed into Isolation. All the residents testing negative have been placed into quarantine. Notifications were made to clinical providers and representatives in the Headquarters Emergency Operations Center.

Potential close contacts with the two positive residents are currently being researched and reviewed by members of the clinical team. If the medical team identifies any close contacts, additional notifications and housing arrangements will be made accordingly.

The entire resident population was COVID serial tested via the PCR process on Monday, December 27, 2021. All of those tests resulted in negative findings. Another round of Rapid Antigen and PCR testing will occur on Monday, January 3, 2022 and an additional round of Rapid Antigen testing will occur on January 7, 2022. Once those test results are received, we will know more about when we will be able to come off our current Facility Wide Outbreak status. In the meantime, we ask that you are patient in this process and understand that there's no definitive answer to provide the residents to plan for returning to work, programming or any other activities in the community.

There are moving parts as you can imagine. We are taking the most precaution in keeping everyone safe and following CDC guidelines and the DOC HQ Version 29 Guidelines and Protocols for Screening, Testing and Infection Control.

We understand that this is a very difficult and challenging time for residents and staff alike. We truly appreciate everyone's patience, understanding and respectful interactions as we navigate through this situation. I have been at the facility the majority of the day and I will continue to devote as much time necessary to ensure you are informed and provided the care and services you need. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with your concerns as I and my team are committed to support you through this ever evolving situation.

As you very well know, your health and safety is of the utmost importance to me and Michelle and we will continue to make decisions, albeit not favorable at times, to keep you safe.

It is imperative to make sure you continue to wear your appropriate [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#), as well as social distancing, at proper cleaning/disinfecting at all times. Please encourage and model the same behavior that we expect from our residents.

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

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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.

A Spanish version of this document will be translated by an entity outside the facility sometime in January. The Spanish version will be disseminated to residents and staff once it's made available.

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