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TO: All OCC Staff
All OCC Incarcerated Individuals

FROM: Jason Bennett, Superintendent

SUBJECT: OCC Facility Wide Outbreak

Olympic Corrections Center (OCC) has had 30 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the incarcerated population. Positive Cases have been found in both the Ozette Living Unit and the Hoh Living Unit. As a result of the COVID-19 positive cases, OCC has started testing the entire population. Following the [Prisons Division Cluster and Outbreak Checklist](#) due to the positive COVID-19 tests and the associated quarantined cases that go with them, we have reached a point in time in which we will have to take additional steps to limit the potential exposure of COVID-19 to the OCC incarcerated population.

Beginning today, OCC will be in Restricted Movement status due to COVID-19. This change will impact the incarcerated population's ability to attend regularly scheduled programs, call-outs, and services. Additional information will be sent regarding these changes.

These steps are meant to minimize the short and long-term impact that our response will have on our incarcerated population at OCC. As we move forward in the coming days you can expect to see cohorting in the dayrooms and shower/bathroom areas, serial testing of our incarcerated population, and an increased awareness to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) protocols, cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting, and social distancing. It is our hope by taking these measures that we can cut down on the amount of potential exposures and reduce the amount of time it will take to get back to a new normal with our operations.

I ask each and every one of you to be committed to following these standards so we can move past these restrictions as quickly as possible. By working together, I know that we can get past this difficult time and get to a place in which we can all have some relief from the restrictions that this pandemic has brought upon us all.

Thank you all for your cooperation and patience through this difficult time.

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