

Eleanor Chase House Work/Training Release

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Date: Jan. 7, 2022

TO:

All Eleanor Chase House Work/Training Release Staff

FROM:

Laura Jense, Incident Command Eleanor Chase/Community Corrections Supervisor

COVID-19 Outbreak for Eleanor Chase House Work/Training Balance

SUBJECT:

On Jan. 7, Eleanor Chase House Work/Training Release was placed on guarantine status as a result of two (2) confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 and per the outbreak status protocols in the WA State DOC COVID-19 Screening, Testing and infection Control Guideline and WA State DOC Work/Training Release COVID-19 Outbreak Checklist. The COVID-19 positive residents are being temporarily placed in medical isolation status.

To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we are following appropriate protocols to increase sanitation efforts, screening and serial testing to quickly identify others who may have been exposed and limiting the movement among residents to help eliminate any exposure.

During this time, there will be no resident movement (no cohort schedules) with limited exceptions, such as bathroom use and emergency evacuations. The facility is implementing a structured response to ensure essential activities continue, such as laundry, meals, showers, communication and releases/transfers/intakes.

It is imperative that you are wearing your appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), as well as social distancing at all times. Stay diligent in washing your hands, sanitizing frequently touched objects and to ensure these things are being done outside of work as well. Please take the time to review the December 2, 2020 memo sent regarding Required COVID-19 Safety Practices, to ensure you are taking appropriate steps to keep you, your families, and those in our custody, as safe as possible. Your health and safety, and the health and safety of those in our custody, is our main priority. All medical directives are in accordance with Washington State Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control Guidelines.

There are resources available to address any emotional distress you may be experiencing during this difficult time. The Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team is available to anyone needing help. Additionally, we are all here as a team, this is temporary and we will get through this together.

I want to thank you for your hard work and dedication during this very difficult time. It is important to remain strong, support one another, and be kind. Let's all do our part to stay healthy.