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TO: All OCC Staff
All OCC Incarc

FROM: Jason Bennett, 

SUBJECT: OCC Facility Wide Outbreak

Olympic Corrections Center (OCC) continues on Outbreak Status. The current restricted movement will continue to impact your ability to attend regularly scheduled programs, callouts, and services. As of January 11, 2021, there are currently 23 staff and 83 Incarcerated Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days. As a result of the COVID-19 positive cases, OCC began Rapid Antigen Testing, as well as PCR testing every 2 days of all Incarcerated Individuals in the facility. Following the Prisons Division Cluster and Outbreak Checklist, we continue to take additional steps to limit the potential exposure of COVID-19 to the OCC incarcerated population.

All Incarcerated Individuals who have tested positive are being housed in an alternate housing unit in the Clearwater Unit and are on isolation. These individuals will be assessed daily for changes in their health status. The remainder of our population will stay on quarantine pending future test results. Changes in test results and housing status will be communicated to you.

These steps are meant to minimize the impacts that our response will have on our incarcerated population at OCC. 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 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.

The more difficult part of this process is that some of you may be moved to alternate living areas both within the facility and potentially at another facility pending resolution of this outbreak. We will do our best to communicate these moves with you in advance, but may have to move more quickly as test results and events evolve.

By working together, I know that we can stop the spread. Thank you all for your cooperation and patience during this difficult time.

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