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TO: AHCC All Staff

FROM: James Key, Superintendent

SUBJECT: AHCC COVID-19 Weekly Update

On January 19, 2022, Airway Heights Corrections Center (AHCC) was placed on Facility Wide Outbreak status and began testing the entire population. AHCC has had 294 confirmed new positive cases in the incarcerated population in the last 30 days.

We continue to follow the [Prisons Division Cluster and Outbreak Checklist](#) and remain in restricted movement at this time.

Due to the current Facility Wide Outbreak status, AHCC is continuing to test the entire incarcerated population and staff are required to serial test two times per week.

Following the Prison Division Cluster and Outbreak Checklist, the positive COVID-19 test results and the associated quarantined cases that go with them, AHCC will remain in restricted movement and closure of most program areas to include SOTAP, Education, Chemical Dependency, etc.

Beginning today, Correctional Industries Food Service will be providing two cold meals and one hot meal due to critical staffing levels and lack of incarcerated workers.

AHCC will continue to operate alternative housing areas in the Main Facility Recreation Building to assist with isolation and quarantine efforts to ensure the health and safety of the population.

AHCC is working on a process to allow for Jpay video visits in the living units while ensuring appropriate cohorting schedules and sanitation measures are followed. When the process is completed and approved, this information will be sent to staff and the incarcerated population.

It is imperative that everyone continue to wear a surgical mask or appropriate [personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#). Similarly, it is vital that we continue to follow the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) guidelines](#): ensuring to follow the six (6) foot physical distancing rule, washing your hands, and keeping high-touch areas of the facility sanitized.

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

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