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TO: All MCC Staff

FROM: Ken Bratten, Incident Commander

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Weekly Update

On January 19, 2022, the Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC) was placed on Facility Wide Outbreak status. The Incident Command Post has been working diligently to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our facilities. Some of our efforts include:

- Creating medical isolation areas at Twin Rivers Unit so that we can keep individuals at their parent facility.
- Rapid Antigen Testing all kitchen workers prior to going to work
- Rapid Antigen Testing all individuals before they move houses to ensure they are not putting someone that positive in an area with others that are at risk of infection.

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

If one individual on a unit tests positive, per the above-mentioned checklist all individuals on the unit regardless of vaccination status are tested between 24-48 hours of receiving positive test. Testing will occur again between days 5-7 and again between days 10-14. If someone on the unit becomes positive between the initial first positive and the test done on days 10-14, the whole process starts over again. For a unit to be removed from quarantine status the below must happen:

1. Complete all three tests without a single individual getting a positive result from the first test to the last. If one person tests positive, the entire unit starts again with a test between 24-48 hours of that most recent test and again at 5-7 days and at 10-14 days.
2. Once the first requirement is met, the Incident Command and Health Services will make a recommendation to Headquarters Emergency Operations Clinical staff for the unit to be removed from quarantine status. **THIS DECISION MUST BE MADE BY HQ EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CLINICAL STAFF.** The facility does not have the authority to make this decision.

This pandemic has caused a lot of disruption to our facilities. We have been doing the best that we can with the resources that we are provided to keep everyone healthy and safe. Please remain kind to each other and understand that we are all in this together.

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.