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TO: All SCCC Staff
All SCCCC Incarcerated Individuals
FROM: Rob Schreiber, Incident Commander

SUBJECT: SCCC COVID-19 Facility Wide Outbreak Weekly Update

Beginning January 11, 2022, Stafford Creek Corrections Center was placed on Facility Wide Outbreak status following the [Prisons Division Cluster and Outbreak Checklist](#) to minimize the risk of contracting COVID-19 and protect our incarcerated individuals and staff. This change has impacted the incarcerated population's ability to attend regularly scheduled programs, call-outs and services. We do not take this decision lightly, and only out of the necessity to keep those in our care and custody safe.

Since then, the incarcerated Population is continuing to be tested at least once per week. The next round of PCR tests will be conducted on Tuesday, January 25. In the last 30 days, we have had 161 incarcerated test positive.

SCCC is continuing to follow all cohorting and safety protocols as outlined by [Department of Health \(DOH\)](#), Centers of Disease Control guidelines of [management of COVID-19 in correctional facilities](#) and [Department of Corrections](#) guidelines, but is experiencing some delays due to a shortage of workers in the food-service department as a result of the outbreak status and cohorting.

Meals are taking longer to serve. An exception to this are medical isolation units where meals are being delivered to them in-unit. Everyone in the facility is being given the opportunity to eat every meal and we are not seeing incidents of food refusal. Occasionally, due to delays, food service has run into recreation times and some are choosing instead to go to recreation.

Every area of SCCC has access to unlimited water, including two alternative housing locations – one in visiting and one in the gym – which has access to restrooms with running water, water fountains and bottled water.

Movement is happening one unit at a time so that all quarantine protocols are followed and to limit each person's exposure to COVID-19. People are given the opportunity for yard and recreation and all incarcerated are getting access to fresh air.

COVID-19's effect on congregate care settings is impactful and we know families are concerned. Our staff are aware of this and are working extra shifts to support the needs of all those in our care at SCCC. As the department is impacted by the same staffing challenges faced around the state and nation, we appreciate your patience and understanding while we experience staffing shortages. We are working hard to fill these shortages and you can read more about what we are doing [here](#).

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

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 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.