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TO: Olympia Reentry Center Staff and Residents
FROM: Patrick J. Gosney, Incident Commander
SUBJECT: Olympia Reentry Center Facility Wide Outbreak

The Olympia Reentry Center (ORC) formally known as the Olympia Work/Training Release, was placed on Facility Wide Outbreak status effective January 1, 2022, as result of several positive COVID-19 cases associated with staff and incarcerated individuals. The affected incarcerated population was safely transported to the agencies Medical Isolation & Quarantine Facility (Camp Solomon) and the affected staff were denied entry to the facility.

Potential close contacts were researched, reviewed, and identified by members of the clinical team. Housing arrangements were made so that the identified close contacts were housed by themselves.

All facility staff have been cleared to return to work in accordance with established Infection Control Guidelines and Protocols. All residents, except for one, have been cleared and returned to the facility from Camp Solomon. The remaining resident at Camp Solomon is tentatively scheduled to be return to the facility tomorrow; January 28, 2022. The facility continues to follow established COVID-19 testing protocols and advise from the agency's medical team in an effort to return to normal operations and more specifically, removed from outbreak status.

The entire resident population was COVID-19 serial tested via the PCR process or the BD Veritor Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) on Monday; January 24, 2022. All of those tests resulted in negative findings. Multiple residents have continued to work, program, and depart the facility for essential business. Those residents are required to provide a negative RAT test before departing the facility. All of those daily RAT tests have resulted in negative findings. The entire resident population was once again COVID-19 tested via PCR or RAT on Thursday; January 27, 2022. All of the RAT tests were negative and the results from the PCR tests should be available from the laboratory by Monday, January 31, 2022.

A meeting is scheduled for Monday; January 31, 2022 to discuss the facilities current outbreak status and if there are no further positive tests the facility may be removed from outbreak status at that time.

We continue to take the necessary precautions in keeping everyone safe and following CDC guidelines and the DOC HQ Version 29 Guidelines and Protocols for Screening, Testing, and Infection Control. Version 30 of the Guidelines and Protocols was disseminated on January 13, 2022, and staff will be reviewing the document and implementing the required changes, which includes the requirement for vaccine boosters for those residents wanting to work while the facility is on outbreak status.

We understand that this is a very difficult and challenging time for residents and staff alike. We truly appreciate everyone's patience, understanding and respectful interactions as we navigate through this situation. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with your concerns as my team and I are committed to support you through this ever-evolving situation.

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It is imperative to make sure you continue to wear your appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), as well as social distancing, at proper cleaning/disinfecting at all times. Please encourage and model the same behavior that we expect from our residents.

Similarly, it is vital that we continue to follow the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, ensuring to follow the six foot social-distancing rule, washing your hands, and keeping areas of the institution sanitized. Staff must remain diligent in wearing your masks at all times, as your safety, as well as your family's, are a priority. Corrections is committed to everyone's safety. We will continue to communicate with you as we progress through this pandemic.