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TO: All OCC Staff
All OCC Incarcerated Individuals

FROM: Jason Bennett, Superintendent

SUBJECT: OCC COVID-19 Facility Wide Outbreak--Update

On January 6th, 2022, Olympic Corrections Center was placed on Facility Wide Outbreak status and began testing the entire population. As of February 1, 2022, 140 individuals tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 30 days. Additionally, four (4) staff have tested positive within the last 14 days.

We continue to follow the [Prisons Division Cluster and Outbreak Checklist](#) and remain in restricted movement at this time. We will continue to serial test staff and the quarantined population in accordance with the established protocols. Quarantined individuals continue to test every other day. All Incarcerated Individuals who have tested positive are temporarily housed in an alternate housing unit in Clearwater Unit and are on medical isolation. These individuals have been and continue to be assessed daily for changes in their health status. Symptomatic individuals are seen twice daily. The remainder of our population remains on quarantine. As of today, there have been no positive tests out of the Ozette Unit for 13 days.

We now have a large number of individuals who are recovered. Recovered individuals initially maintained housing in the Clearwater Unit with opportunity to program with fewer restrictions. Some of these individuals have returned to the housing units. We do not move individuals out of medical isolation until they meet CDC/DOC criteria for being recovered from their COVID-19 infection and are no longer considered infectious. In both the Ozette and Hoh units cohorting rules still apply to all individuals, including those who have recovered.

We will provide recovered individuals opportunity to program outside of the unit in essential roles. With the addition of individuals supporting Food Service, CI Laundry and Maintenance, we are able to provide standard meals as well as an increase our laundry service. Additionally, we will resume some limited DNR operations with recovered individuals only.

Staff will continue to ensure your awareness of, and compliance with, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) protocols, cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting your living areas, and

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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.

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.