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TO: All Staff
All Incarcerated Individuals
Washington Corrections Center for Women

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SUBJECT: Updated - WCCW COVID-19 Facility Wide Outbreak

On [May 5, 2021](#), the Department shared an update to the COVID-19 protocols which defined Facility Wide Outbreak to mean facilities that experience multiple Limited Area Outbreaks are experiencing a Facility Wide Outbreak. A Limited Area Outbreak is a very limited outbreak in one area, meaning only the impacted area is on outbreak status.

As of January 31, 2022, WCCW has 29 active COVID-19 in the incarcerated population from multiple living units. As a result of these COVID-19 positive cases, WCCW will continue to test the entire population. To date there have been 187 confirmed cases of COVID-19 among WCCW staff.

WCCW will continue to be in Facility Wide Outbreak – restricted movement – status due to COVID-19. This will impact the incarcerated population's ability to attend regularly scheduled programs, callouts, and services.

These steps are meant to minimize the short and long-term impact that our response will have on the incarcerated population. As we continue moving forward, you will see cohorting in the dayrooms and shower/bathroom areas, serial testing of the incarcerated population, increased awareness of personal protective equipment (PPE) protocols, cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and social distancing. We hope that by taking these measures, we can minimize the number of potential exposures and reduce the amount of time it will take to get back to a new normal with our operations.

Some recent information to share at WCCW:

- The law library will open for incarcerated individuals in 30-minute increments. To request an appointment, please kite box 28.
- WCCW has been designated as Phase 3 Staffing. This staffing phase requires more significant operational modifications to our operations to allow for the maximization of

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available resources.

- WCCW continues to place hard-copy communications in each living unit.
- Correctional Industries continues to experience significant challenges and cannot meet the statewide commissary's production demands. This includes the property and food package program. The Emergency Operations Center team at HQ has worked to solicit employee volunteers to Airway Heights Corrections Center and Monroe Correctional Complex to sustain operations and facilitate individuals receiving their packages.
- Medical staff members continue to Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) the population this week based on unit location. Your cooperation and patience are very much appreciated and is imperative to mitigating the spread of COVID-19.
- Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 from either a PCR or Rapid Test will be temporarily housed in Segregation, Gym, and L Unit with other individuals who have also tested positive for COVID-19. These steps are meant to minimize the short- and long-term impacts our response will have on the incarcerated population.

Please remember that wearing your mask, washing your hands frequently, and practicing social distancing wherever possible will go a long way to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. We will continue to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Washington State Department of Health guidelines, and make your health and safety are our priority. We encourage you to have patience and grace within your community and with staff.

I ask each one of you to be committed to following these standards so we can move past these restrictions as quickly as possible. By working together, I know that we can get past this challenging time and get to a place where we can all have some relief from the restrictions that this pandemic has brought upon us all.

Thank you all for your cooperation and patience through this difficult time.

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