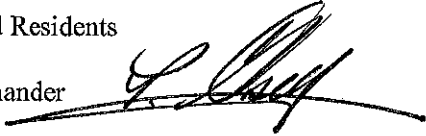




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TO: Olympia Reentry Center Staff and Residents
FROM: Patrick J. Gosney, Incident Commander 
SUBJECT: Facility Wide Outbreak Status Resolution

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. Positive tests continued in the weeks to follow within both our staff and resident population, requiring the continued Facility Wide Outbreak designation. During this time, the affected incarcerated population was safely transported to the agencies 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 subsequently been cleared to return to work in accordance with the agency's Return to Work Guidance and all residents have been cleared and returned to the facility from Camp Solomon.

The facility has followed the required COVID-19 testing protocols/guidelines and there have been no new positive cases in the resident population since January 18, 2022. In following the agency Reentry Division COVID-19 Cluster and Outbreak Checklist, the ORC is no longer under outbreak status effective January 31, 2022.

We will continue to take the necessary precautions to keep everyone safe and follow all Centers for Disease Control guidelines and the WA State DOC COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Infection Control Guidelines. This includes but is not limited to proper hand washing, practicing six foot social distancing rule, wearing surgical masks at all times, keeping the facility clean and sanitized, and allowing residents to acquire the COVID-19 vaccine booster if they are eligible in conjunction with established medical timelines.

We understand this has been a difficult and challenging time for residents and staff alike. We truly appreciate everyone's patience, understanding and respectful interactions as we navigated through this outbreak. Corrections is committed to everyone's safety. We will continue to communicate and support you as we progress through this pandemic.