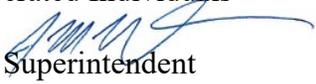




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TO: All OCC Staff
All OCC Incarcerated Individuals

FROM: Jason Bennett, Superintendent 

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

Olympic Corrections Center was placed on Facility Wide Outbreak status on January 6th, 2022 and began testing the entire population three times weekly. As of February 2, 2022, We have had no new positive cases of COVID-19 in the Ozette Living Unit for 14 days.

In a consultation with Headquarters Clinical Leadership and Prisons Operations Leadership, the determination was made that Ozette Unit would be removed from quarantine and that the facility would be placed on limited out break status, noting the positive cases in the Hoh Unit within the last 2 days.

We continue to follow the [Prisons Division Cluster and Outbreak Checklist](#) and Hoh unit remains on quarantine and 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 three times a week. 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.

We now have a large number of individuals who are recovered. Recovered individuals are 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. Cohorting rules still apply to all individuals in quarantined units, including those who have recovered. Recovered individuals in the Hoh Unit will have some limited program returns and be provided with recreation time in the Gym.

We will provide recovered and non-quarantined individuals opportunity to program outside of the unit in essential roles. With the addition of individuals supporting Food Service, CI Laundry and Maintenance, Additionally, we 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 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.