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TO: Ahtanum View Reentry Center Staff and Residents
FROM: Ruth Hanson, Community Corrections Supervisor
SUBJECT: Facility Outbreak Status Resolution

A handwritten signature in pink ink, likely belonging to Ruth Hanson, the Community Corrections Supervisor mentioned in the "FROM" field.

The Ahtanum View Reentry Center (AVRC) formerly known as Ahtanum View Work/Training Release was placed on Facility Wide Outbreak status effective January 5, 2022 as a result of positive COVID-19 cases associated with residents. Positive tests continued in the weeks to follow within both our staff and resident population, requiring continued Facility Wide Outbreak designation. During this time, the affected incarcerated population was safely transported to the agency's Isolation and 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 close contacts and those with symptoms were housed by themselves.

Facility staff are being 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 and guidelines and there have been no new positive cases in the resident population since January 20, 2022. In following the agency [Work/Training Release Cluster and Outbreak Checklist](#), the AVRC is no longer on Facility Wide Outbreak status effective February 4, 2022.

AVRC's Cluster Outbreak was designated on January 27, 2022, following on multiple staff positive COVID-19 cases; this status continues based on additional cases. Staff will continue to test as required and positive cases are returning to work after being cleared in accordance with the agency's Return to Work Guidance.

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 hygiene, wearing surgical masks as required, keeping the facility clean and sanitized, and allowing residents to obtain the COVID-19 vaccine booster if they are eligible according to the established medical guidelines.

Facility staff are working to return to normal COVID-19 operations and will assist residents

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preparing to return to work and movement in the community,

We understand this has been a difficult and challenging time for residents and staff alike. I appreciate everyone's cooperation and patience, understanding and respectful interactions as we navigated through this outbreak. Corrections is committed to everyone's safety; this continues to be a team effort and your assistance continues to be very important. We will continue to communicate and support you as we progress through this pandemic.

Thank you!