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TO: All OCC Staff
All OCC Incarcerated Individuals

FROM: Jason Bennett, Superintendent

SUBJECT: OCC COVID-19 Limited Area Outbreak--Update

Olympic Corrections Center was placed on Limited Area Outbreak status on February 2, 2022, following the presence of positive cases in the Hoh Living Unit. Total confirmed incarcerated positives cases at OCC in the last 30 days is 94.

In a consultation with Headquarters Clinical Leadership and Prisons Operations Leadership, the determination was made that OCC would remain on Limited Area Outbreak status, noting the presence of positive COVID-19 cases in the Hoh unit during the past week.

We continue to follow the [Prisons Division Cluster and Outbreak Checklist](#) and Hoh unit remains on quarantine and in restricted movement. We will continue to serial test staff and the quarantined population in accordance with the established protocols. At this time quarantined individuals are tested daily. All incarcerated individuals who have tested positive are temporarily housed in an alternate housing unit in Ozette Programming Area and are on medical isolation status. 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. We have also resumed 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.