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**TO:** All MCC Staff  
All MCC Incarcerated Individuals

**FROM:** Bill Frantz, Incident Commander

**SUBJECT: COVID-19 Facility Wide Outbreak to Facility Wide Cluster**

On January 19, 2022, the Monroe Correctional Complex was placed on Facility Wide Outbreak status. A Facility Wide Outbreak is defined as two or more Limited Area Outbreaks that are connected, occurring simultaneously in the same facility. As you are aware, this designation has impacted the population's ability to participate in regularly scheduled work assignments, scheduled programming, callouts and other activities. Your cooperation during this time has been outstanding and is greatly appreciated.

During this time, the facility has followed the [COVID-19 Testing Protocols/Guidelines](#) and [Prisons Division Cluster and Outbreak Checklist](#). Yesterday, February 23, 2022, the DOC Headquarters Emergency Operations Center (HQEOC) removed MCC from Facility Wide Outbreak status.

On May 5, 2021, the Department announced an update to the COVID-19 protocols and shared the definition of a Facility Wide Cluster. Facilities that experience a Facility Wide Cluster have:

- 20 or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 in a main facility or 6 or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 in a camp (free-standing or co-located minimum security unit) within 14 days among staff and/or volunteers across a facility regardless of their position or post
- 12 or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 in a main facility or 4 or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 in a camp (free-standing or co-located minimum security unit) within 14 days among staff and/or volunteers within a facility *that have direct contact with the incarcerated population.*

In a consultation with Headquarters Clinical Leadership and Prisons Operations Leadership, the determination was made that MCC is experiencing a Facility Wide Cluster.

**While on Facility Wide Cluster status, staff are still required to test twice per week until we are removed from Facility Wide Cluster status.**

In addition to being on a Facility Wide Cluster, we have two Limited Area Outbreaks. The Limited Area Outbreaks are at MCC-SOU E Unit and MCC SOU F Unit. These units will be tested on Monday, February 28, 2022, and if all those tests come back negative, they will be presented to HQ EOC for removal from Limited Area Outbreak status.

It is imperative to make sure you continue to wear your routine mask and as appropriate additional [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#). Wearing your masks at all times is for your safety, as well as that of your family and friends. Please encourage and model the same behavior that we expect from our incarcerated population.

We all must also continue to follow the other [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) recommendations to decrease the spread of COVID-19, including maintaining six (6) foot social distancing, washing your hands, and keeping areas of the institution sanitized.

Corrections is committed to everyone's safety. We will continue to communicate with you as we progress through this pandemic.