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TO: AHCC All Staff

FROM: James Key, Superintendent

SUBJECT: AHCC COVID-19 Weekly Update

On January 19, 2022, Airway Heights Corrections Center (AHCC) was placed on Facility Wide Outbreak status and began testing the entire population. AHCC has had 197 confirmed new positive cases in the incarcerated population in the last 30 days.

On March 2, 2022, the AHCC Minimum Security Unit (MSU) in consultation with HQ Health Services was removed from Facility Wide Outbreak status. AHCC Main remains on Facility Wide Outbreak status.

We continue to follow the [Prisons Division Cluster and Outbreak Checklist](#) and the Main Facility remains in restricted movement at this time. Please see operational area updates below.

As of March 4, 2022, the facility living units have been identified as the following:

Main:

- **K Unit-Quarantine/Recovered**-Single Cell Cohort for Showers-Portable Phones-Jpay tablet syncing-Video Visits Authorized
- **L Unit- Quarantine/Recovered**-Single Cell Cohort for Showers-Portable Phones-Jpay tablet syncing-Video Visits Authorized
- **M Unit- Recovered**- No restrictions for dayroom use but must continue to follow standard COVID-19 protocols in place for social distancing, mask wearing and sanitation/cleaning.
- **N Unit A Wing - Isolation/Quarantine/Recovered**-Single Cell Cohort for Showers-Portable Phones-Jpay tablet syncing-Video Visits Authorized
- **N Unit B Wing - Recovered**- No restrictions for dayroom use but must continue to follow standard COVID-19 protocols in place for social distancing, mask wearing and sanitation/cleaning.
- **R Unit Recovered**- No restrictions for dayroom use but must continue to follow standard COVID-19 protocols in place for social distancing, mask wearing and sanitation/cleaning.
- **T Unit-Quarantine/Recovered**-Single Cell Cohort for Showers-Portable Phones-Jpay tablet syncing-Video Visits Authorized

MSU: Removed from Facility Wide Outbreak status effective March 2, 2022

- Visitation will re-open at MSU on Sunday, March 6, 2022.
- CI Food Services will begin Grab n Go meals on Monday, March 7, 2022.

Operations:

Bottled water is only being distributed to K Unit and L Unit, due to them being dry cells and on a single cell cohort schedule. All other areas have unrestricted access to water.

Correctional Industries:

Textiles and Bindery have slowly started to reopen operations this week with recovered workforce individuals skilled in these industries.

Health Services:

COVID-19 test results are being provided to the incarcerated population on a regular basis. Working with a vendor to schedule COVID vaccine clinics and education opportunities for the incarcerated population in the coming weeks.

Maintenance:

Staff have worked this week to return the MSU C6 (gym) to its normal operating status, as it is no longer needed as an alternate housing area.

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.