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Dear Families,

I am very happy to report that each week we continue to see more progress with reopening and this week is no different! Since last week we have resumed visitation at Mission Creek Corrections Center, and Monroe Correctional Complex (E and F units), and Washington Corrections Center for Women. Airway Heights Corrections Center Main unit will reopen to visitation on March 18. Masking continues to be mandatory for everyone in all prison facilities.

We continue to monitor Coyote Ridge Corrections Center's B unit (A and B pod) as well as D unit, Larch Corrections Center, as well as the Washington State Penitentiary (Victor, William, Delta, Echo and Fox units) and hope to open those in the near future. Please continue to check the facility web page for updated status and details on every facility. Unfortunately, we are not ready to open Extended Family Visits (EFVs).

This week has been a huge step forward for the individuals under our care and custody and their families. Our staff have been excited at the prospect of individuals having more direct communication with families for the powerful positive impact it has on their lives and overall success.

We continue to work on schedules for visitation at facilities which have come off outbreak status and are especially grateful to those amazing people who volunteer to support religious and other programs. Religious programs, sweat lodges and recreation time are starting to resume schedules, and we continue to use cohort groupings to manage and prevent the spread of any of COVID-19.

Commissary credits (\$10) funded by the [Incarcerated Individual Betterment Fund \(IIBF\)](#) will be applied between March 7 and March 18 based on your loved one's regularly scheduled commissary order date. The \$15 JPay credit has also now been applied with very few discrepancies. During the month of March 2022, the visit room photo program will provide one free photo of you and your loved one during visits and will be available in visitation rooms.

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Today we held the second of two COVID-19 informational webinars to share information on topics we receive the most interest in. We have received positive comments from families who like the webinar format, and the ability to submit questions and receive answers in a straightforward presentation. We will schedule more as the need arises and continue to post answers to questions and updates on the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) of the COVID-19 section of our website.

Thank you for your support of those under our care and custody to encourage their success moving forward.

Fondly,



Cheryl Strange, Secretary
Department of Corrections