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TO: Graduated Reentry (GRE) and Community Parenting Alternative (CPA)
Supervisors and Staff

FROM: Susie Leavell, Reentry Senior Administrator 

RE: Date Correction: Contact Standards for GRE and CPA

On September 3 & 9, 2021, operational expectation memos were sent out to all Graduated Reentry (GRE) and Community Parenting Alternative (CPA) staff indicating the Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC) had made several changes to contact standards, protocols, and interactions with our incarcerated populations, as well as co-workers due to the ongoing pandemic.

Effective immediately, the following contact standards for American Behavioral Health Systems (ABHS) will apply and are now permanent:

- Drug testing will be waived since the provider will test the individual
- Face-to-face contacts will be suspended for the duration of the individual's stay
- One phone call per week with the participant for the duration of a participant's inpatient treatment (i.e., residential treatment center) at American Behavioral Health Systems (ABHS).
- One phone call per week with the ABHS staff to discuss progress and reentry planning.

Effective April 1, 2022, the policy-based contact standards will apply for all individuals on Partial Confinement utilizing electronic monitoring at an approved residence. Contact standards for those individuals at ABHS will remain the same as stated above.

We will resume working with individuals on their case plans and addressing the high needs areas as part of the transition from total confinement to the community. We will cease the "COVID standard" operation of restrictive movement/access to the community and get back to regular operations. Please remember that reentry is about the person as a whole. Access to the community is based on specific needs such as family interaction, personal essential needs, treatment, employment, education, wellness, and other activities that promote healthy lifestyles. Wellness is an important part of an individual's overall health and the ability to engage with others effectively.

All operations will resume without the restriction of activity such as the collection of urine samples for testing, breathalyzers, and home visits/checks. Although we are going back to operations as we knew it pre-COVID, please continue to follow appropriate COVID-related precautions in our daily work and the below best practices are still relevant.

Best Practices:

- Stay home when you're sick. This is very important for all illnesses, but especially for the duration of a respiratory illness.
- Wash your hands and use alcohol-based sanitizer frequently.

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- Avoid touching your mouth, nose, and eyes with unwashed hands.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes by coughing into your elbow or a tissue.
- Frequently clean and disinfect high-touch and common surfaces.
- Continue social distancing (more than 6 feet).
- Stay away from people who are sick as much as possible.
- If you have coronavirus symptoms, i.e. fever, cough, and shortness of breath, contact your health care provider about the next steps, and please notify your supervisor and/or Human Resources so the agency can support your needs.

Please remember to take care of yourself, your families, and others who are important to you as we adjust and return to some normalcy. Your safety and well-being are important to us.

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