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TO: All AHCC Staff

FROM: James Key, Superintendent

SUBJECT: AHCC COVID-19 Limited Area Outbreak – M Unit

On April 18, 2022, Airway Heights Corrections Center (AHCC) confirmed that two incarcerated individuals in M Unit tested positive for COVID-19. As a result of these positive tests and according to department protocol, M Unit has been placed on Limited Area Outbreak status.

On May 5, 2021, the Department announced an update to the COVID-19 protocols and shared the definition of a Limited Area Outbreak. Facilities that experience an outbreak, that is very limited to one area, may be placed on a Limited Area Outbreak. Meaning only the impacted area would be on outbreak status.

Medical staff are conducting initial assessments to include symptom checks this evening of individuals on M Unit and COVID-19 testing for the entire M unit population will begin tomorrow morning.

While M unit will remain quarantined and unable to participate in visitation, work and programming, the rest of the facility will continue normal operations.

It is imperative to make sure you continue to wear your appropriate [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#), as well as social distancing at all times. Please encourage and model the same behavior that we expect from our incarcerated population.

Similarly, it is vital that we continue to follow the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) guidelines](#), ensuring to follow the six (6) foot social distancing rule, washing your hands, and keeping areas of the institution sanitized. Staff must remain diligent in wearing your masks at all times, as your safety, as well as your family's, are a priority.

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