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TO: All DOC Staff
All DOC Visitors
All DOC Volunteers

FROM:  James Key, Deputy Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: DOC COVID-19 Testing Changes

In addition to the changes outlined in the [DOC COVID-19 Masking & Protocol Updates memo](#) the Department of Corrections is making the following testing changes, effective April 7, 2023.

Masks will continue to be made available to all staff and all incarcerated individuals who choose to continue masking.

Testing changes

- Volunteers and visitors will no longer have to test for COVID-19 prior to entry to a prison and reentry facility.
- DOC staff travelling to a prison and reentry facility will no longer have to test for COVID-19 prior to entry to a prison and reentry facility.

We are working on updating DOC's COVID-19 Guidance and WA State DOC COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Infection Control Guideline Version 35 to include these changes and those outlined in the April 4 memo, we will have those out soon. You can expect additional changes to guidance at that time.

For staff with questions on implementing these changes, please reach out to your established clinical & operations liaison.

COVID has been a long road for our staff, those in our care and custody and their loved ones. I want to extend my gratitude to all of you for your patience and perseverance on this journey.