As the number of positive cases of COVID-19 amongst staff and our population at the Medium Security Complex (MSC) continues to rise, the Department has been working with the Washington State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) and the Department of Health (DOH) to explore additional testing strategies to continue to mitigate the spread of the virus and protect our employees and the population.

With the assistance of DOH, a plan is being developed to test all employees at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center (CRCC) and incarcerated individuals at CRCC who are housed in the medium security complex (MSC) for COVID-19. More information on the process for testing will be available in the next couple of days.

The measures we have put into place up to this point are helping to lessen the spread of the virus. Testing staff and the incarcerated population is an additional measure the Department believes will provide information to assist in our fight against the spread of COVID-19.

Your health and wellbeing are of the upmost importance. Use social distancing and enhanced hygiene protocols to prevent illness and spread of the virus. Wear surgical masks at all times, frequent hand washing, avoid touching your face, cover mouth and nose with tissue when coughing or sneezing and practice social distancing. Please notify staff immediately if you have developed any symptoms or are not feeling well.

The health and safety of our staff, incarcerated individuals and the community remains our top priority.