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To: All Superintendents
All Facility Medical Directors
All Health Services Managers

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Incident Commanders
COVID-19 Medical Group

Subject: COVID-19 Special Population Units Guideline Version #4

**Most current updates are bold and highlighted**

Special Populations: Example: IPU, CRCC Sage East, AHCC K-unit, etc.

The following restrictions will be in effect until further notice.

- **DOC** staff working in identified special population units:
  - Only necessary and assigned staff should have access to this unit.
  - All staff must wash hands before entering and before exiting the unit.
  - All staff will wear surgical mask and face shield at all times, except when eating or drinking (in which case social distancing must be maintained)
    - If the face shield became soiled, it would need to be doffed per PPE protocols
    - Face shields must be discarded at the end of a shift
  - No staff interacting with quarantined and/or medically isolated individuals should be entering these units during their assigned shift.

- Incarcerated individuals:
  - Individuals must remain in their existing unit, tiers or cells- Facility to determine how that is done
  - **If programming needs were suspended due to program location being outside the unit, program resumption will require a written proposal to Prisons Health Services Unified Command along with Facility/Unified Command consultation to review the proposal.**
  - Patients will be provided a surgical mask
- Individuals are restricted from eating in the main dining halls
- Individuals shall be given pill line at cell-front
- Individuals may self-quarantine if they choose to
- Non-medical call-outs shall be restricted unless previously approved by designated custody staff (CUS/Incident Commander)

- Unit CUS will identify two (2) workers per shift who will be responsible for sanitizing/cleaning the units/designated areas multiple times per day (to include day rooms, phones, door knobs, etc.)

- All incarcerated individuals will wear face coverings and practice social distancing in dayrooms and anytime the population comesling.

**If any COVID-19 type symptoms are noted with staff or the incarcerated population, this should be reported IMMEDIATELY to the Incident Command**