December 9, 2020

TO: All MCC Incarcerated Individuals

FROM: John Padilla, Incident Commander

SUBJECT: MCC COVID-19 Update

On December 7, 2020, the Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC) received three positive COVID-19 test results of incarcerated individuals. Two individuals from the Washington State Reformatory Unit (WSRU) and one from the Special Offender Unit (SOU). Individuals were tested as part of routine protocols. Immediate actions were taken upon receiving the test results and the individuals were placed on medical isolation to ensure that they receive appropriate medical care. Their respective living units were placed on quarantine status while mapping protocols were conducted. WSRU C/D units and SOU C unit will remain on quarantine status while being monitored for any developing symptoms. On December, several incarcerated individuals the Twin Rivers Unit (TRU) were placed on quarantine in the living units due to being in close contact with a staff member who tested positive for COVID-19. All TRU quarantined individuals were tested on December 3, 2020, and December 4, 2020, and all tests were negative.

Individuals that test positive for COVID-19, will remain on medical isolation for 14 days after becoming asymptomatic. Close contacts of individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 will remain on quarantine for 14 days after their last exposure. Quarantined individuals MUST wear a surgical mask at all times while out of their cell. Every effort is being made accommodate use of phones, showers, and recreational activities, while ensuring appropriate cleaning protocols (i.e. sanitizing after each use) are followed.

As a reminder, individuals who are not on isolation or quarantine who need a replacement cloth face covering may obtain on from the Unit Supervisor.

Thank you all for your continued efforts to mitigate risk of exposure to COVID-19. Please remember to be patient, respectful, and keep each other safe, as we all continue our commitment to following infection control guidelines and adapt to new information.