December 9, 2020

TO: All SCCC Staff

FROM: Gina Penrose, Incident Commander

RE: Incarcerated Individual COVID-19 Testing

Today December 9, 2020, Stafford Creek Corrections Center (SCCC) will begin mass COVID-19 testing of incarcerated individuals. Testing will start with individuals in the H2 living unit with the remainder of the facility beginning testing next week.

The test involves collecting a nasal specimen to detect active infection. It is not an antibody test and does not reflect your possible immune status from a previous infection. A swab will be inserted into the nose and rotated. It is not the more invasive nasopharyngeal swab and you may be asked to collect the specimen yourself. Individuals who test positive will be housed together. Individuals who test negative will be tested a second time and those that receive a double negative result will be housed together. Incarcerated individuals who refuse testing will be treated as if they are positive and will be placed in medical isolation to prevent potential spread.

Also beginning today, incarcerated individuals will be able to attend their pre-scheduled video visits. They will need to notify Pod Officers in advance of the visit so everyone is aware of the individual movements.

Individuals may remain on their video visit during scheduled dayroom closures such as mainline and issue/med checks. However in the case of an emergency where there is a direct need to isolate the area, individuals will be required to end the visit.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to work through these challenging times.