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TO: All Prisons Staff

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SUBJECT: Transfers from Washington Corrections Center

The Department continues to take measures necessary to protect the health and safety of the incarcerated individuals and staff at all facilities. In order to create capacity and manage the outbreaks at facilities across the state, certain approved incarcerated individuals will be transferring out of Washington Corrections Center (WCC).

Individuals transferring from WCC are COVID-19 recovered, or have tested negative at least twice and have remained without any COVID-related symptoms prior to transfer. Upon arrival, these individuals will be housed separately in a designated areas. They will be tested upon arrival, and again seven (7) days later. This will ensure the entire cohort has received an additional two (2) consecutive negative tests.

We understand that there may be concerns about receiving incarcerated individuals from other facilities. We have protocols in place to mitigate the spread of the virus and keep the incarcerated individuals and staff healthy and safe.