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TO: All MCC Incarcerated Individuals
FROM: John Padilla, Incident Commander
Subject: MCC COVID-19 Update

On January 7, 2021 Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC) was selected as an addition site to deploy and erect a 30 bed Regional Care Facility. This facility will be placed in the Twin Rivers Unit Recreation (TRU) Yard. The selection of this site was the result of collaboration with Health Services, Clinical Leadership and Health Services/Prison Unified Command, MCC Maintenance, TRU Leadership and the MCC Incident Command.

The Rapid Deployment Care Facility alternate housing area consists of four (4) tents total. One tent houses four (4) showers, and four (4) toilets and three (3) sinks. The other three (3) tents each have 10 hospital beds. The tents have a dedicated PPE donning and doffing area, staff office, and a hallway connecting all tents. Additionally, each tent has a UVC/HEPA filter system for air clean exchange.

Implementing separate tent structures to be additional COVID-19 housing resources has become necessary to further support COVID-19 outbreaks amongst those at MCC and throughout DOC. This regional care facility will be staffed and equipped to house individuals with positive COVID-19 diagnosis that require enhanced medical care. These areas will include hospital beds, donning/doffing station, medical and custody staff, showers and bathroom facilities.

The design of this facility and the selection of the site is meant to prevent the spread of COVID-19 amongst the staff and population, and provide sufficient medical care for the incarcerated population at MCC and other outbreak facilities if necessary.

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