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To: All Coyote Ridge Corrections Center Staff
From: Incident Command Post 
Subject: CRCC COVID-19 Weekly Update

Below is a weekly update of the current status at CRCC. We are committed to providing as much information as possible. If you have any additional questions please refer to the Incident Action Plan (IAP) and/or contact the Incident Command Post (ICP).

- Currently COVID-19 vaccine doses are being offered to employees who meet the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) Phase 1A and 1B1 priority group definitions based on availability. This applies to:
 - Any worker in a high risk health care setting, meaning any DOC employee in a setting where care is being provided to confirmed or suspected COVID-19 patients and close contact with them is possible.
 - All DOC employees aged 65 or older regardless of job duties or location.
- Eventually, all staff will get an opportunity to receive the vaccine, based on the state's supply. Another vaccine clinic is expected to arrive at CRCC next week to administer second doses. We also expect another shipment of first doses in the near future. An email to ALL STAFF will soon come out to gauge the interest. This again will be in order of priority, but it is important to respond and let us know if you are interested. Information on other options for receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, can be found in the [all staff memo](#) sent on January 26, 2021.
- To date there have been 396 positive incarcerated individual cases of COVID-19. There have been 43 new positive incarcerated individual cases in the last 30 days.
- I unit A pod and E unit B pod remains on quarantine status.
- Individuals who are on quarantine status may be cleared from quarantine when they have two (2) consecutive negative tests and the unit has been cleared of any new COVID-19 positive cases for at least 14 days.
- Those identified as close contacts to COVID-19 positive individuals are placed on quarantine status in Restricted Housing.

- Individuals that are placed in Restricted Housing for quarantine status will be asked to box up property prior to leaving the units.
- Individuals will be allowed to take JPay player, ear buds, charger, one (1) bottle of shampoo, one (1) stick of deodorant, one (1) bar of soap, one (1) tooth brush, one (1) tube of toothpaste, one (1) comb, brush or pick, keep on person medication issued by medical, legal property, and address book.
- Several recovered individuals from B unit A pod have returned to E unit B pod.
 - If recovered incarcerated individuals request to be placed back into to E unit B pod, they will be required to continue quarantine and follow all cohort schedules in the unit such time that the pod has been released from quarantine.
 - If recovered incarcerated individuals do not want to continue to quarantine they can speak with staff and arrangements will be made to release to another living unit. Efforts will be made to return individuals to their original unit after they are no longer on quarantine status.

As mentioned in last week's correspondence, the use of quarantine and medical isolation is only a part of the safety measures necessary to mitigate the spread of this virus. **Please remember:**

- **It is imperative that you wear your face covering and/or surgical mask at all times.** It is possible to have the virus and show no symptoms. When you are not wearing a mask, the COVID-19 virus can easily spread and escapes your body through talking, coughing, sneezing and laughing. Failing to wear your mask when around others, specifically when within six (6) feet, increases the risk of you exposing yourself and others to this virus.
- Social distancing is a significant factor in stopping the spread of COVID-19. During times of outbreak we often move people around and create more distance. This significantly slows the spread of this virus and has proven to be successful. Please continue to do your part and stay at least six (6) feet from others when possible.
- Wash hands frequently.

As always, we appreciate all your hard work and dedication!