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TO: All MCC Staff
FROM: Michele Wood, Incident Commander
SUBJECT: MCC Weekly COVID-19 Update

This has been another busy week at the Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC). At this time, Washington State Reformatory Unit (WSRU) A Unit is not housing any incarcerated individuals.

MCC will soon begin the first round of COVID-19 vaccinations for the incarcerated population. To receive the vaccination the individual must be age 65 or over and identified as high risk by facility Health Services. The vaccine program is voluntary only and it will be an individual choice to participate in it. As supply allows, the facility will provide vaccines to individuals who meet the requirements for [Phase 1A and 1B Tier 1](#), as defined by the Washington State Department of Health (DOH).

The MCC Incident Command Post would like to take a moment to recognize the hard work being done by everyone involved in all of the moves between WSRU living units and the quarantine and medical isolation areas.

Next week, the facility will receive a transfer bus. The individuals arriving at MCC will be housed on transfer separation status. In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, intake separation individuals will remain separate from the MCC population until receiving two (2) consecutive negative tests.

As a reminder, everyone must participate in the weekly staff serial testing. Please see some Staff Serial Testing FAQ below for your reference.

Q: Who needs to test?

A: Serial testing is mandatory for all site staff and contractors. Outside facility staff/vendors are to test as outlined in the All Staff memo [October 13, 2020](#) memo titled “Staff serial testing for staff traveling to facilities”.

Q: I telecommute and come in two days a week, do I still need to test?

A: Yes, you will need to test on a day you are at the facility.

Q: I tested Positive for COVID-19? When do I start testing again?

A: Never. You do not do serial testing ever again once you test positive for COVID-19.

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Q: Do I still need to test once I get my COVID Vaccine?

A: Yes. You are still required to test after receiving the both the first and second vaccination.

Q: What happens if I miss my required serial testing?

A: You may be contacted by the strike team and may be put on a list of names of staff required to test prior to working which could involve corrective action.

Q: I am going to be absent from work for over a week, who do I need to let know.

A: When you know you are going to be absent from work, please send an email with the dates you will be gone and when you return to Kathleen Bechler (klbechler@doc1.wa.gov) so it will be noted and you will not be put on the list as not testing.

Q: I am back from vacation on Monday, but my testing day is on Thursday. Do I wait till Thursday to test?

A: No, you should test as soon as you have returned from being gone, first thing Monday.

Q: Do I test again on Thursday of that week?

A: No, you only test once in the same week. You would resume testing on Thursday on the following week.

Wash your hands, maintain social distance, and wear a mask.