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To: WCC All Staff

From: Shawn Brooks, Incident Commander

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Brooks", written over the printed name.

SUBJECT: WCC COVID-19 4-13-21 Update

This communication is being drafted specifically to provide notification that WCC has re-entered outbreak status effective immediately. The background information involves an individual from Evergreen Hall who was administered a rapid COVID test prior to his release to the community, and that test result was returned as positive. This event, combined with the information that a staff member who'd recently worked in that unit also had a positive test returned, means that WCC has effectively met the criteria for outbreak status.

Currently, Evergreen Hall is the only unit that has been placed on quarantine status and its operations significantly impacted. The testing and mapping process is ongoing but will be completed shortly. The results of these processes will drive operational decisions in the coming days.

It is imperative to make sure you continue to wear your appropriate [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#), as well as social distancing at all times. Please encourage and model the same behavior that we expect from our incarcerated population.

Similarly, it is vital that we continue to follow the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) guidelines](#), ensuring to follow the six (6) foot social distancing rule, washing your hands, and keeping areas of the institution sanitized. Staff must remain diligent in wearing your masks at all times, as your safety, as well as your family's, are a priority.

It is certainly not convenient or comfortable to find the facility in outbreak status again. But we've pulled through this before, and we have learned lessons that we can apply to potentially mitigate impact. We can carry each other through this.

Stay safe, all.