Date: April 14, 2021

To: WCC All Incarcerated Individuals

From: Shawn Brooks, Incident Commander

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

On April 13, 2021, Washington Corrections Center (WCC) confirmed that an incarcerated individual housed in the Evergreen living unit tested positive for COVID-19. Additionally, a staff member who’d recently worked in that unit also recently had a positive COVID-19 test returned. As a result of these test results, and per Department protocol, WCC is considered to be on outbreak status.

Currently, Evergreen Hall is the only unit that has been placed on quarantine. The contact mapping process for incarcerated individuals and staff has begun and are following established protocols.

It is imperative to make sure you continue to wear your appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), as well as social distancing at all times.

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. Please remain diligent in wearing your masks at all times, as your safety is our priority.

Staff continue to thoroughly clean and disinfect the affected unit and encourage other precautionary activities, including providing extra cleaning supplies to the incarcerated individuals, strictly enforcing face covering and social distancing rules and strongly encouraging increased handwashing and sanitation.

Corrections is committed to everyone’s safety. We will continue to communicate with you as we progress through this pandemic.