September 1, 2021

TO: All WCC Staff

FROM: Shawn Brooks, Incident Commander

SUBJECT: WCC COVID-19 Limited Area Outbreak

On August 31, 2021 Washington Corrections Center (WCC) confirmed that one (1) incarcerated individual from R-3 tested positive for COVID-19. Due to this positive test result, Potentially affected tiers in R-3 were placed on quarantine status and additional testing was conducted. On September 1, 2021 an additional seven (7) positive cases were confirmed. WCC, in conjunction with clinical staff, determined to place R-3 on Limited Area Outbreak status.

Additionally, R-2 tiers D, E, F, G, and H remain on quarantine, but are trending such that they should come off that status early-to-mid next week.

R-5 remains designated for intake separation, quarantine, and isolation.

All other units and unaffected tiers will continue under normal operations

It is imperative that everyone continue to wear a Surgical Mask or appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), practice social distancing at all times, and hold the incarcerated responsible to meet these standards. 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.

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