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TO: MCC-TRU Incarcerated Population

FROM: Lisa Anderson, Incident Commander

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Weekly Update

On November 22, 2021 the Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC) confirmed that one (1) incarcerated individual and one (1) staff member at the Twin Rivers Unit (TRU) A unit tested positive for COVID-19. As a result of these positive test results, and per Department protocol, TRU A unit was placed on quarantine and TRU has been placed on facility-wide outbreak status.

Subsequently, the entire TRU A unit incarcerated population was tested for COVID-19. On November 24, 2021 MCC confirmed thirty-three (33) additional positive test results from TRU A unit. Incarcerated individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 were placed on medical isolation. TRU A unit remains on quarantine status.

Due to overlapping cohorts, additional COVID-19 testing will be occurring at TRU today and TRU B unit is being placed on quarantine status. TRU Maintenance has been placed on limited area cluster status.

While TRU A/B units will remain quarantined and unable to participate in visitation. Medical isolation and quarantine status timeframes will follow the current [WA State DOC COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Infection Control Guideline](#).

These steps are meant to minimize the impacts that our response will have on our incarcerated population at MCC. As we move forward, you can expect to see a cohort (limited group) standard for dayrooms, outside recreation, dining, and shower/bathroom areas. Serial testing will continue for the incarcerated population. Staff will continue to ensure your awareness of, and compliance with, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) protocols, cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting your living areas, and social distancing. It is our hope in taking these measures that we can cut down on the number of potential exposures and reduce the amount of time it will take to get back to a new normal with our operations. I trust that each of you will be committed to following these standards so that we can move past these restrictions as quickly as possible.

Please continue to wear your issued surgical masks and follow the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) guidance on social distancing, hand washing, and keeping areas of the institution sanitized. These continued preventative measures will help us limit the outbreak effect on the facility and hopefully assist in resolving this as quickly as possible.

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