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TO:       MCC-TRU Incarcerated Population

FROM:     Lisa Anderson, Incident Commander

SUBJECT:  COVID-19 Weekly Update

As of Saturday, November 27, 2021, the Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC) confirmed four (4) new positive COVID-19 cases from C/D units, for a total of 64 current COVID-19 positive cases in individuals at the Twin Rivers Unit (TRU). All units (A, B, C, and D) at TRU remain on quarantine and under a facility-wide outbreak.

Currently, 64 individuals are in the medical isolation unit (IMU) at Monroe. The Washington State Reformatory Unit (WSRU) C unit has been opened for individuals who are COVID-19 positive but asymptomatic, and 35 individuals have been moved from IMU to the newly opened C-Unit. 25 individuals who are COVID-19 positive and showing symptoms will remain in the IMU for medical attention and observation. There have been no hospitalizations with the current facility-wide outbreak.

TRU Maintenance falls within the facility-wide outbreak status. Medical isolation and quarantine status timeframes will follow the current WA State DOC COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Infection Control Guideline While all TRU units remain quarantined, these units are unable to participate in visitation.

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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