Date: January 20, 2022

TO: All Eleanor Chase House Work/Training Release Residents

FROM: Laura Jense, Incident Command/Community Corrections Supervisor

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Outbreak for Eleanor Chase House Work/Training Release

On January 7, 2022, Eleanor Chase was placed on Facility Wide Outbreak quarantine status as a result of two (2) confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 and per the outbreak status protocols. The COVID-19 positive resident(s) has been temporarily placed in medical isolation status. To mitigate the spread of COVID-19 at Eleanor, we are following appropriate protocols to increase sanitation efforts, screening, and serial testing to quickly identify others who may have been exposed and limiting the movement among residents to help eliminate any exposure. Testing will be increased for all residents for safety. Our last positive case was January 10, 2022. The facility is continuing to follow testing requirements along with medical isolation and/or quarantine requirements. Residents will be provided with updates on any changes.

The facility has a structured schedule to ensure essential activities continue, such as laundry, meals, showers, communication, outdoor breaks, and releases/transfers/intakes.

It is important that you report any symptoms to staff as soon as you become aware. Ensure you follow the quarantine protocols by wearing your surgical mask at all times, disinfect anything that you touch and wash your hands immediately after touching a surface. Please remain in your room, leaving only for restroom use or in the event of an emergency evacuation.

Wearing a face mask is especially important when residents are going to and from the bathrooms and showers. Please be diligent in following proper protocols and put on your mask prior to opening your door. Surgical masks will be available, and you will be provided with a supply to use.

Please limit your calls with control staff, you will be provided with updates and information regularly.

Residents who are vaccinated and continue to test negative: Will be authorized to participate in the following: employment, treatment, essential health care appointments. You need to travel separately, maintain social distancing, and frequently wash your hands and/or sanitize. Upon return to the facility will follow all outbreak instructions.

Residents who are unvaccinated, for their safety and others, will be on quarantine, and not be authorized to leave the facility unless it is emergent health care or transition release. I know this is difficult time but your compliance is essential to returning the facility to normal operations.

Residents have access to cell phones to increase communications with staff, friends and family.
Your health and safety continue to be our main priority. All medical directives are in accordance with Washington State Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control guidelines.

We appreciate your continued patience. We are working hard to ensure you have resources to address any emotional distress during this time. We will provide activity packets, craft supplies and reading/writing materials to help pass the time. Additionally, room and board waivers are being reinstated during this outbreak to alleviate concerns of incurring debt due to COVID-19 restrictions. We have stationery and envelopes to help you reach out to your family, friends and others who have been a positive support to you. Eleanor Chase will pay for your postage at this time.

I want to thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this very difficult time. It is important to remain strong, to support one another, and be kind. Please do your part to stay healthy.