February 7, 2022

TO: All Peninsula Work/Training Release Residents

FROM: Gregg Guidi, Community Corrections Officer 3

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Limited Area Outbreak

On January 22, 2022, Peninsula Work/Training Release was placed on outbreak status as a result of three (3) positive tests within the resident population. Since then, our PCR and RAT tests from January 22, 2022, and January 24, 2022, have been negative.

On January 27, 2022, all residents again were PCR and RAT tested and results were negative.

On February 1, 2022 there was a positive RAT test, so the facility was to continue to operate under outbreak status. The resident PCR tests from February 1, 2022 came back negative. Per the agency’s Work/Training Release Cluster & Outbreak Checklist and in consultation with DOC medical, effective February 4, 2022, PWTR’s status has changed from Facility Wide Outbreak to Limited Area Outbreak. Under the new designation as a limited area outbreak, the women’s wing will continue under quarantine operations and the male wing will return to normal COVID-19 operations.

While operating under a limited area outbreak, PWTR will continue a structured response to ensure essential activities continue, such as laundry, meals, showers, communication, and releases/transfers/intakes. 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.

Residents have access to cell phones to increase communications with staff, friends, and family. 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.

It is imperative to make sure you are wearing your appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), as well as social distancing at all times. This 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 for daily replacement or when mask is wet or soiled.

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 if needed.

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.