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TO: All WCC Staff
    All WCC Incarcerated Population

FROM: Shawn Brooks, Incident Commander

SUBJECT: WCC COVID-19 Update

January 6, 2022, Washington Corrections Center (WCC) was placed on Facility Wide Outbreak status and began testing the entire population. Since then, every living unit has been regularly tested in an orderly fashion. As of February 22, 2022, WCC has had 409 positive COVID-19 incarcerated individuals in the past 30 days. WCC currently has 38 active incarcerated cases.

WCC’s instances of COVID-19 have been steadily dropping amongst the incarcerated population. Over the last several days, we have been able to remove the quarantine designation from many living units across the facility, returning them to a cleared status. Now, in consultation with HQ Clinical, WCC will move away from the Facility Wide Outbreak designation. There will still be Limited Area Outbreaks identified in R-1 and R-2, and those units will remain under quarantine protocols in accordance with infection control guidelines. R-6 A-D Tiers will also remain under quarantine protocols.

We continue to follow the Prisons Division Cluster and Outbreak Checklist and will be resuming new-normal movement for cleared units beginning today, February 23, 2022.

On Friday, February 25, 2022, WCC will administer COVID-19 tests to R-1, R-2, R-6 (A/B, C/D Tiers), and R-5 C/D Tiers.

Unit statuses are as follows:

- R-1 is on Quarantine Status.
- R-2 A, B, C, D, E, F, and G Tiers are on Quarantine Status. H Tier is cleared.
- R-3 is Cleared.
- R-4 is Cleared.
- R-5 A/B Tier is on Quarantine Status. R-5 C/D Tier is on Quarantine/Intake
Separation status. E/F and G/H Tiers are on Medical Isolation Status.

- R-6 A/B, CD Tiers are on Quarantine Status. R-6 E/F, G/H tiers are cleared.
- Evergreen Hall is Cleared.
- Cedar Hall is Cleared.
- The IMU is Cleared.
- The RDCF is on Medical Isolation Status.

It is imperative that everyone continue to wear a surgical mask or appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). Similarly, it is vital that we continue to follow the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines: ensuring to follow the six foot physical-distancing rule, washing your hands, and keeping high-touch areas of the facility sanitized.

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