July 6, 2022

TO: Brownstone Reentry Center Staff and Residents

FROM: Colleen Pettit, Incident Commander

SUBJECT: Facility Wide Outbreak as of 7/1/22

On 7/1/22, Brownstone Reentry Center confirmed a second positive COVID-19 case within a 14-day period. Notifications were made on July 1, 2022 to clinical and Headquarters Emergency Operations Center. This is notification to resident and staff that Brownstone is on facility-wide outbreak status.

Per clinical guidelines and protocol, the entire facility will be rapid antigen testing on July 1, 2022 (day zero). We will ensure that any symptomatic or positive patients be placed on medical isolation immediately. We will follow the guidance of testing on day zero, day 3, and day 7 with negative results to lift the outbreak status. As you are aware, any new positives or symptomatic patients identified before day 7, would result in our count to start at day zero again.

To mitigate the spread of COVID-19 at Brownstone Reentry Center, 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. Although we are on outbreak status, any resident that has been “fully vaccinated” can continue with employment, essential business, treatment, programming, and other community activities, if they remain asymptomatic and continue having negative COVID-19 tests.

The facility is implementing 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 always wearing your surgical mask, disinfect anything that you touch and wash your hands immediately after touching a surface.

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. There is a PPE station on your floor, stocked with masks, sanitizer, and cleaning supplies. Please let staff know if supplies are low, we will restock to ensure you have the resources to keep yourself safe.

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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. Brownstone 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. If you are concerned with the facility outbreak status, you may opt-in to self-isolate. Please reach out to staff to discuss your options.

For residents experiencing anxiety, depression or situational stress, all staff at Brownstone are here to help guide you and we are always listening. Additionally, it’s advised to contact 211, your Physician or Frontier Behavioral Health for additional Mental Health resources. Anyone needing more acute care, please reach out to a staff member you are comfortable talking to and we can help direct you to the care you need. If you are experiencing a crisis, please call the Regional Crisis Line at 1-877-266-1818.