July 28, 2022

TO: AHCC Incarcerated Individuals

FROM: James Key, Superintendent

SUBJECT: AHCC COVID-19 Weekly Update

On July 13, 2022, Airway Heights Corrections Center (AHCC) Main Institution was placed on Facility Wide Outbreak (FWO) status. On July 25, 2022, the Main and Minimum Security Unit (MSU) was placed on Facility Wide Cluster status due to multiple staff having testing positive for COVID-19 within 14 days. We continue to follow the Prisons Division Cluster and Outbreak Checklist and the Main Institution remains in restricted movement at this time.

Due to the current Facility Wide Outbreak and Facility Wide Cluster status, AHCC is continuing to test the entire incarcerated population and all staff are required to serial test two times per week.

Main Facility Updates:
Following the Prison Division Cluster and Outbreak Checklist, the positive COVID-19 test results and the associated quarantined cases that go with them, R and T units remain in quarantine status and unable to attend programming, work, and visitation.

Programming:
Effective Monday, July 25, 2022, the following programs for K, L & M units resumed in the Main institution.

- Thinking for a Change
- Education
- Law library and State library
- Therapeutic community services are now facilitated on the unit
- Sex Offender Treatment Assessment & Programming
- Sweat lodge (Inipi ceremonies at Main and MSU)

Health Services:
- COVID-19 testing continues per DOC Guidelines. PCR test results for incarcerated individuals are being delivered to the living units—please be patient as this process can take several days, due to the number of incarcerated individuals being tested. Kite medical records if you believe you have been left out of the notifications.
- COVID-19 vaccinations remain available for incarcerated individuals. Kite health services to request a first, second or booster vaccine. Vaccination clinics are being scheduled.
- Extreme heat reminders—everyone is encouraged to increase water intake, decrease outdoor time and physical activities, and report any health concerns to health services so medical assessments can be provided.
Per the current WA State DOC COVID-19 Routine Masking Guidance, when a facility is in Facility Wide Outbreak status and Limited Area Outbreak, all staff and incarcerated individuals are required to wear surgical masks when outdoors in the Main facility.

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 (6) 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.