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TO: All Progress House Work/Training Release Staff

FROM: Laura Deckard, Community Corrections Supervisor

SUBJECT: Progress House Work/Training Release COVID-19 Facility Wide Outbreak

On July 27, 2022, Progress House Work/Training Release (PHWTR) was placed on quarantine status as a result of two (2) confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 and per the outbreak status protocols. PHWTR is continuing to stay on outbreak status. The COVID-19 positive residents have been temporarily placed in medical isolation status offsite. To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, 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.

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.

During this time, residents will be allowed to take schedule breaks in the yard as a cohort group (residents residing in the same room) to allow for more time outside. All other movement (no cohort) will be based on the schedules provided with limited exceptions.

It is imperative to make sure you are wearing your appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), as well as social distancing at all times. Stay diligent in washing your hands, sanitizing frequently touched objects and to ensure these things are being done outside of work as well.

There are resources available to address any emotional distress you may experience during this difficult time. The Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team is available to anyone needing help. Additionally, we are all here as a team, this is temporary, and we will get through this together.

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.

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