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**TO:** All DOC Staff

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**SUBJECT: Final Phase of Rapid Reentry Program**

As outlined in my [message dated April 16, 2020](#), [Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-50 Reducing Prison Population](#) directed Corrections to take additional measures to provide more physical distancing. As of May 4, 2020, there have been a total of 682 individuals that have transferred back to the community as a part of the COVID-19 Incarcerated Population Reduction Effort. The steps being taken create additional physical distancing and represent the latest work in the agency's diligent efforts to preserve the health of institutions and all people- staff and incarcerated individuals. The 682 individuals were within six months of their release date and were not currently incarcerated for violent or sex offenses.

The Rapid Reentry program was one of the population reduction efforts identified in the proclamation. The program provides incarcerated individuals an opportunity to serve an expanded portion of their sentence of confinement in the community on electronic monitoring. Individuals are subject to conditions and, if they violate those conditions, could be returned to confinement.

As the department implements the final phase of Rapid Reentry, those who are being considered for transition to the community has been expanded from those with a release date within six months to include those with a release date within seven months of release from April 15, 2020. They must still fit within the previously announced criteria of non-violent or non-sex offenses. The list of individuals eligible for Rapid Reentry is subject to change based on an ongoing review. Appropriate prison staff will work directly with those under consideration.