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**TO:** Incarcerated Individuals

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**SUBJECT: Governor's Amended Proclamation 20-05: Vaccination Requirement**

On August 9, 2021, Governor Inslee issued an amended proclamation announcing the requirement of all state-employees, on-site independent contractors, volunteers, and goods and services providers be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 on or before October 18, 2021. Recently it was identified that the proclamation includes some incarcerated workers who work for or at state agencies. Therefore, the following incarcerated jobs and/or job classes have been Identified as positions that require vaccination:

- Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Crew
- Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA) Work Crew
- Class II: All workers with Job assignments that required that they leave a prison facility or have community access
- Class IV Workers (Off-site Work Crews)

Anyone working for DNR or DVA needs to be fully vaccinated (at least 2 weeks after the J&J vaccine or second Moderna/Pfizer vaccine) by October 19, 2021 or they will not be able to go to work unless there is an approved religious or medical exemption in place.

For those who are not fully vaccinated, DOC will hold the job position until December 13, 2021 to allow for individuals to complete the vaccination requirement. Those who decide to not vaccinate will not be infraacted for failure to program if actively seeking employment elsewhere.

Those who would like to request a medical or religious exemption, complete the COVID-19 Vaccine Religious/Medical Exemption Request for Incarcerated Individuals. This form is available from your counselor.

It is possible that other contracted employers may require COVID-19 vaccination moving forward

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