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MEMORANDUM

To: Offender Population

From: Harold W. Clarke 
Director of Corrections

Subject: COVID-19 Offender Awareness Communication

As a follow up to our previous correspondence to you regarding COVID-19, I would like to provide further information regarding this disease, our actions to prevent further spread, as well as general material to help you focus on prevention. This information will be provided from respected sources such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), and medical partners such as Virginia Commonwealth University Health (VCUH).

We are excited to begin providing this information to you on a more frequent basis and will include topics such as hand hygiene, mask/face covering use, sanitation, and social distancing. Awareness material will be provided in a variety of formats such as posters, flyers, videos, etc. in order to engage the entire offender population.

The first of these ongoing Awareness Communications is a general COVID-19 Factsheet. I know that this will be a positive step in increasing the flow of current information and knowledge regarding all aspects of the Department's response to this pandemic. It is critical that you are a part of the prevention efforts and stay focused on your personal wellbeing.

We want you to be confident in the fact that your safety and welfare is of the utmost importance.

cc: A. David Robinson, Chief of Corrections Operations
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