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To: All Staff
Subject: **Cell Feeds for Residents deemed at increased Risk**
From: Commissioner Helen Hanks
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We will again be offering, starting next week, residents identified by Division of Medical & Forensic Services staff at risk for adverse outcomes if they contract COVID-19 based on CDC guidelines the option of receiving cell feeds.

Our goal is to reduce unnecessary potential exposures to high-traffic locations and places where a person cannot reasonably physically distance and reduce the surfaces that those with increased risk may touch. The fewer items/physical objects a person touches, the less likely they are to be exposed to COVID-19 through contact.

All residents in their housing units can make personal choices within the confines of the physical plant to distance themselves as best as possible. This is not as easily achieved in high traffic areas such as the dining halls. Further, even though we are cleaning between each meal and serving meals by housing unit – our goal is to reduce unnecessary potential exposures by reducing the number of items they touch.

Residents who opt to receive their cell feeds due to their increased risk will not be permitted to perform their job in the kitchen during this time. Their jobs will be held for them and we will maintain their current rate of pay.

If a resident who is at increased risk is working in any other location, they will maintain their job as long as the work site supervisor can maintain appropriate physical distancing and preferably contain their work to an individually assigned work bench/station.

Again, this measure is to reduce the items a person with increased risk touches that multiple other people may have touched between cleanings so, in turn, reducing their potential exposure to COVID-19.

The resident can speak to medical and may choose to waive this self-protective restriction as outlined above. That waiver will be documented in the medical chart and medical staff will remove the alert in CORIS. Please note any resident can choose to withdraw their waiver at any time by speaking to medical staff.