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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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SUBJECT: Revised COVID-19 Modified Operations Matrix

Effective Monday, August 23, 2021, the Bureau will implement new COVID-19 operational levels in consideration of recently published national guidance. These operational levels were described in a previous memo to all Chief Executive Officers dated July 15, 2021. Since then, some revisions have been made which take into account the changing nature of the pandemic. Specifically, the inmate movement and staff testing tables have been removed from the Matrix document and will be published in modified form in BOP's COVID-19 Pandemic Plan (Module 6. Inmate Movement and Module 11. BOP Employee Management, respectively). Updates to these latter documents will be distributed as changes are made. The basic framework for the BOP COVID-19 Modified Operations Matrix remains unchanged including the operational levels, infection prevention measures, and COVID-19 mitigation strategies for inmate programming and services. Adjustments to the implementation time line and to the BOP COVID-19 Modified Operations Matrix are incorporated into the attached documents, which will be used as the official versions going forward.

Daily monitoring of the institution's operational level and staff testing recommendations, and notifications to staff will be accomplished as previously described. Refer to the attached Notification Memorandum Templates and standard language for notifications.

Lastly, CEO's who have not yet completed the accountability memo (previously provided with the July 15, 2021 CEO Memo) will need to do so and send it to Program Review Division no later than **Friday, September 10, 2021.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Health Services Division by e-mail at: [BOP-HSD-HealthServicesBranch@bop.gov](mailto:BOP-HSD-HealthServicesBranch@bop.gov).

Attachments: (3)

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