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Joanna Carns
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Dear Ms. Carns:

The Washington Department of Corrections appreciates the opportunity to respond to the ‘OCO Monitoring Visit to Clallam Bay Corrections Center’ completed by the Office of Corrections Ombuds.

The Department of Corrections takes the health and safety of the incarcerated population and staff in the Washington correctional facilities very seriously. The agency appreciates the opportunity to have your staff tour the Clallam Bay Corrections Center and evaluate the facility’s implementation of the protocols and procedures put in place to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The information provided by the OCO was useful to ensure the Department of Corrections is doing everything it can to protect the incarcerated population’s health and safety while incarcerated, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Clallam Bay Corrections Center has continued to hand out soap to the incarcerated population in an effort to ensure that individuals can wash their hands and maintain hygiene recommendations. Individuals at work or possibly on a call out may miss the distribution, but incarcerated individuals are able to inquire with staff at any time if they need a bar of soap. Additionally, Correctional Industries has decided on two new facial covering materials that are of higher quality and will begin the distribution of this material shortly.

We appreciate your team’s understanding of the unique implementation across facilities and the addition of policies and procedures being put in place to protect our populations. We will continue to proactively implement precautionary measures as the COVID-19 pandemic progresses. Moving forward, the Washington Department of Corrections will continue to collaborate with the Office of the Corrections Ombuds on any future quality assurance visits.

Sincerely,

Steve Sinclair, Secretary
Washington Department of Corrections