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COVID-19 UPDATE

FROM THE COMMISSIONER, ACT CORRECTIVE SERVICES

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Due to a staff member testing positive to COVID-19 at the AMC on 30 September, ACT Corrective Services (ACTCS) have had to adjust operations in the interest of keeping detainees and our staff safe. We continue to assess the situation and hope to relax these changes as soon as it is safe to do so.

Understandably, the suspension of Zoom video visits is incredibly tough on both detainees and their friends and family. I assure you that we will reinstate these visits as soon as it is safe and operationally possible to do so. Barring any other unforeseen events, we are aiming to recommence Zoom video visits from the next cycle of visits on Wednesday 13 October.

Since the first case in a detainee was detected on 11 September, there have been a total of nine detainees test positive to COVID-19 at the AMC, thankfully four have recovered. Five remain in isolation and are recovering. Each of these detainees were new admissions and have been isolated since admission. We have been able to follow the established procedures to isolate infected detainees appropriately and provide them with the care they need.

Thankfully, no close or casual contacts of the positive staff member have tested positive.

The situation will continue to be monitored in line with public health advice and we will ensure that you are informed once we are able to ease restrictions and resume in person social visits.

Kind regards

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Commissioner