

# Washington State Penitentiary

## Superintendent's Office

**DATE:** December 3, 2020  
**TO:** WSP Incarcerated Individuals  
**FROM:** Superintendent Holbrook  
**SUBJECT:** Current COVID-19 Status for Facility

Currently Delta, Victor and William units and the In-Patient unit (IPU) and Close Observation area (COA) in health services, are on quarantine status. Echo, Fox, and Intensive Management Unit (IMU) continue to house medical isolation/quarantine individuals. We currently have 23 incarcerated individuals in the BAR units on quarantine status in place. We have placed 14 on quarantine status from Unit 6 and they are housed in the back of Unit 10. There are 64 pending tests results, with 44 of those from Victor Unit. As test results come in, we will evaluate them and make any necessary adjustments.

The population from the East Complex is on a rotation schedule for work and movement, and West Complex workers have returned to the kitchen in their respective areas.

### **Current numbers:**

- Current positive cases among incarcerated individuals – 141
- Incarcerated individuals on quarantine – 561
- Incarcerated individuals on medical isolation – 149
- COVID related deaths among incarcerated individuals – 1
- Total COVID positive cases since March among incarcerated individuals – 328
- Total COVID positive cases since March among staff – 29

As you have seen, the negative impacts of COVID-19 is far reaching and in some cases long lasting. It is imperative that all incarcerated individuals use the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), practice good hand hygiene and maintain social distancing at all times. This has been a concern when you are in programing and education areas, or otherwise during your most vulnerable times. Please be diligent in following proper protocols, as these steps are vital to mitigate the spread of COVID and our ability to return to a new normal which cannot do without your cooperation.

I can't express enough, my appreciation for the proactive and persistent efforts of those doing their part to maintain COVID protocols with this ever changing pandemic. We continue to see unique scenarios that COVID presents and we appreciate the willingness of many to take on other responsibilities in working together for the greater good of the facility. Please continue to protect yourself first with the appropriate PPE as that is your first defense while we encourage others to do the same.