

Washington State Penitentiary

Superintendent's Office

DATE: December 3, 2020
TO: WSP All Staff
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. If there is a need for clarification or you have a question, please reach out to the Incident Command Post (ICP) so we can get you current information or direction.

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

We currently have approximately 102 staff mapped out across multiple job classifications. I can't emphasize enough the need to make sure you are wearing your appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), practicing good hand hygiene, as well as social distancing at all times. This is especially important when we are sitting down to eat, taking breaks, or having meetings in small spaces or otherwise at our most vulnerable times. Please be diligent in following proper protocols.

With approximately 54 vacancies in the third shift roster, we are grateful for those who have stepped up to help fill the vacancies, and also for those who assist in the testing, mapping, and movement changes we continue to see. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and we are working on options to help acquire additional resources.

I can't express enough appreciation for the proactive and persistent efforts all staff have put into doing their part with this ever changing pandemic. We continue to see unique scenarios that COVID has presented as we also see collaborative responses from all that are involved throughout the facility and state. Several other facilities are experiencing the same outbreaks at this time, so resources are stretched very thin or pulled in multiple directions. Please continue to take care of yourselves and look after each other and please be patient. I appreciate your diligence in maintaining social distancing, as well as using proper PPE at all times to lessen the negative impact we're seeing across the board in our facility.