

# Washington State Penitentiary

## Superintendent's Office

**DATE:** December 11, 2020  
**TO:** WSP All Staff  
**FROM:** Superintendent Holbrook  
**SUBJECT:** Weekly COVID-19 Update

Currently Delta, Victor and William units and the In-Patient unit (IPU) and Close Observation area (COA) in Health Services, are on quarantine status. The east sides of Echo and Fox, and the Intensive Management Unit (IMU) continue to house medical isolation/quarantine and intake separation individuals. We also have incarcerated individuals on quarantine status in the back of Unit 10. We continue to test incarcerated individuals, as well as staff members, for COVID-19 on a weekly basis to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our facility.

We are still experiencing staffing shortages due to positive test results and mapping protocols, so please be sure to do your part in protecting yourself, as well as those around you. It is imperative that you wear proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at all times on facility grounds unless you are eating or drinking. The [PPE Matrix](#) was updated on December 7, 2020.

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. As most of you know, we no longer have the National Guard here to help with testing, so any assistance you can offer in that area is greatly appreciated.

Please be sure to take care of yourselves and each other. Fatigue associated with the COVID-19 pandemic is real, and it is felt across the agency as several other facilities are currently experiencing outbreaks as well. We recognize the sacrifices many are making to help offset shortages and step up to the plate to help out, and it is appreciated. We cannot manage this without all of your hard work and dedication! Please continue to reach out to the Incident Command Post (ICP) with any questions or concerns, and stay safe and healthy!