

# Washington State Penitentiary

## Superintendent's Office

**DATE:** December 22, 2020  
**TO:** WSP Incarcerated Individuals  
**FROM:** Superintendent Holbrook   
**SUBJECT:** Weekly COVID-19 Update

Currently Unit 8, Delta, Golf, Rainier, Victor and William units are on quarantine status. The east side of Fox, all of Echo Unit 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 have moved incarcerated individuals to the South Complex (SC) Gym, which is set up as an alternate housing area to keep COVID-19 positive individuals separate from COVID-19 negative individuals.

WSP is working on a plan for phone access for those in the SC Gym, as well as facilitating yard time very soon. We recognize the frustration many have with movement changes and appreciate your patience as we try to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Some incarcerated individuals may be moving out of medical isolation status and returning to their original units. Those individuals have not shown symptoms for Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommended period and met additional requirements identified in the WA State DOC COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Infection Control Guideline.

Last week, you should have received an announcement regarding the monetary stipend for individuals unable to work due to COVID-19. Our hope is that this brings some positivity to the difficult scenario we find ourselves in, and we would like to express gratitude to those who continue to work as other units are placed on quarantine and unable to do so.

Please continue to use the appropriate PPEs and maintain social distancing at all times. This includes times you are alone, please be sure to wear your mask unless you are eating, drinking or sleeping.