



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
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TO: All WSP Incarcerated Individuals
FROM: Robert Jackson, Associate Superintendent
RE: WSP Second COVID-Related Incarcerated Death

On December 31, 2020, an individual incarcerated at Washington State Penitentiary (WSP) passed away at a local healthcare facility due to COVID-19 related illness.

The Department of Corrections offers its condolences to the family and friends of the decedent and remains committed to continue evaluating processes and following the [established COVID-19 screening, testing and infection control guidelines](#) as the Department works to contain and mitigate any spread of the virus.

As a result of the growing number of COVID-19 positive cases, the facility began COVID-19 testing of all staff within the facility on a weekly basis in August and have tested all of the incarcerated individuals housed at the Medium Security Complex.

Please ensure you are reporting any symptoms, maintaining six feet of social distance and wearing face coverings when appropriate. Your health and safety, and that of the community and our staff remains the agency's top priority.