

Washington State Penitentiary

Superintendent's Office

DATE: February 19, 2021

TO: WSP All Staff

FROM: Superintendent Holbrook



SUBJECT: Weekly COVID-19 Update

Fortunately we are still seeing a downward trend in new COVID-19 cases. At this time we do not have any units on quarantine status! The east side of Echo Unit is currently being utilized for transfer separation, and the east side of Fox Unit is currently being used for intake separation. Additionally, the A, C and D mods of the IMU North are being utilized for transfer and intake separation.

The facility continues to provide COVID-19 vaccines to staff and incarcerated individuals as supply allows and per the requirements for [Phase 1A and 1B Tier 1](#), as defined by the Washington State Department of Health (DOH). Incarcerated individuals must be age 65 or over and identified as high risk by facility Health Services. The vaccine program is voluntary only and it is an individual choice to participate in it.

Although it seems that we're finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, now is not the time to relax our COVID-19 protocols. We are seeing a very small, but slight uptick in staff cases so please continue to be diligent about wearing your mask at all times on facility grounds, maintaining social distancing, regularly washing hands, and sanitizing areas you occupy.