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**TO:** All WSP Staff  
**FROM:** Robert Jackson, Associate Superintendent  
**SUBJECT:** WSP COVID-19 Weekly Update

On July 15, 2021, Washington State Penitentiary confirms that five (5) staff members and one (1) incarcerated individual, from the Intensive Management Unit (IMU) North has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last fourteen days.

On May 5, 2021, the Department announced an update to the COVID-19 protocols and shared the definition of a Limited Area Outbreak. Facilities that experience an outbreak, that is currently limited to one area, may be placed on a Limited Area Outbreak. Meaning only the impacted area would be on outbreak status, and the rest of the facility would remain unaffected.

While IMU North and a few individuals that had to move into IMU South from IMU-North due to physical plant issues are unable to participate in visitation, the rest of the facility will continue normal operations.

It is imperative to make sure you continue to wear your appropriate [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#), as well as social distancing at all times. Please encourage and model the same behavior that we expect from our incarcerated population.

Similarly, it is vital that we continue to follow the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) guidelines](#), ensuring to follow the six (6) foot social distancing rule, washing your hands, and keeping areas of the institution sanitized. Staff must remain diligent in wearing your masks at all times, as your safety, as well as your family's, are a priority.

Corrections is committed to everyone's safety. We will continue to communicate with you as we progress through this pandemic.