

# Washington State Penitentiary

## Superintendent's Office

**DATE:** July 30, 2021

**TO:** All WSP Incarcerated Individuals

**FROM:** Steve Barker, Associate Superintendent



**SUBJECT:** WSP Limited Area Outbreak – IMU South

On Friday, July 30, 2021 Washington State Penitentiary confirmed 19 positive staff COVID-19 cases in the last 14 days, which resulted in the facility being on what is known as Cluster Status. This created the need for testing of the entire population. After the first series of tests, on Thursday, July 28, 2021 WSP confirmed that there are two (2) positive COVID-19 cases among the incarcerated population in the Intensive Management Unit (IMU) South. This unit was placed on Limited Area Outbreak Status the same day.

While IMU South individuals will remain quarantined, and 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.

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. Please remain diligent in wearing your masks at all times, as your safety is a priority.

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