

Washington State Penitentiary

Superintendent's Office

DATE: July 30, 2021

TO: All WSP Staff

FROM: Steve Barker, Associate Superintendent

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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, continuing the facility's COVID-19 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 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 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. 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.

Thank you for all you are doing to keep the facility operating in a safe and secure manner, and special thanks to those that could volunteer to help with testing the population over the weekend. We could not maintain control of these ever-changing times without the exceptional staff we have here at WSP! Stay safe everyone!