

Washington State Penitentiary

Superintendent's Office

DATE: August 6, 2021

TO: All WSP Staff

FROM: Donald Holbrook, Superintendent 

SUBJECT: WSP Limited Area Outbreak – IMU South

On Thursday, August 5, 2021 Washington State Penitentiary confirmed that there are five (5) positive COVID-19 cases among the incarcerated population in the Intensive Management Unit (IMU) South. This unit has been placed on Limited Area Outbreak status since July 28, 2021. Due to the number of positive COVID-19 cases among staff, WSP is still on what is considered Cluster Status.

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. We could not maintain control of these ever-changing times without the exceptional staff we have here at WSP! Stay safe everyone!