

Washington State Penitentiary

Superintendent's Office

DATE: August 13, 2021

TO: All WSP Staff

FROM: Steve Barker, Associate Superintendent 

SUBJECT: WSP Limited Area Outbreak – IMU South and Victor Unit

As of Thursday, August 12, 2021 Washington State Penitentiary has four (4) confirmed positive COVID-19 cases among the incarcerated population in the Intensive Management Unit (IMU) South, and two (2) confirmed positive cases among the incarcerated individuals in Victor Unit. Both of these units are on Limited Area Outbreak status.

While IMU South and Victor Unit individuals will remain quarantined and unable to participate in visitation, the rest of the facility will continue normal operations.

As a result of several staff positive COVID-19 cases, WSP resumed testing the population again this week and fortunately as of today, there have been 1172 negative test results received. We'd like to express appreciation to those that were able to help conduct testing, as well as those helping to fill vacancies in the roster!! We recognize that it is a trying time for many, so any help you can offer is making a difference! By Tuesday, August 17th we plan on testing IMU South and Victor Unit again as required due to the Limited Area Outbreak Status in those areas, so thank you again to those that are assisting with that.

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!