

Washington State Penitentiary

Superintendent's Office

DATE: August 18, 2021

TO: All WSP Staff

FROM: Steve Barker, Associate Superintendent



SUBJECT: WSP Limited Area Outbreak – IMU South, Victor Unit, Unit 6

As of Tuesday, August 17, 2021 Washington State Penitentiary has two (2) 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 Unit 6. These units along with Victor Unit are on Limited Area Outbreak status pending Tuesday's COVID-19 tests.

While IMU South, Victor Unit and Unit 6 individuals will remain quarantined and unable to participate in visitation, the rest of the facility will continue normal operations.

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! Another round of testing was conducted yesterday for IMU South, Victor Unit and Unit 6. Thank you again to those that are assisting with that.

Staff positive cases continue to appear, and 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!