



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
AIRWAY HEIGHTS CORRECTIONS CENTER
P.O. Box 1899, Airway Heights, WA 99001

August 20, 2021

TO: All AHCC Incarcerated Individuals

FROM: James Key, Superintendent

SUBJECT: AHCC Limited Area Outbreak R-Unit

On August 20, 2021 Airway Heights Corrections Center (AHCC) confirmed that two (2) incarcerated individuals in R unit tested positive for COVID-19. As a result of these positive test results, and per Department protocol, R unit is considered to be on Limited Area Outbreak status.

On May 5, 2021, the Department announced an update to the COVID-19 protocols and shared the definition of a Limited Area Outbreak. Facilities that experience an outbreak, that is very limited to one area, may be placed on a Limited Area Outbreak. Meaning only the impacted area would be on outbreak status, and the rest of the facility would remain unaffected.

In a consultation with Headquarters Clinical Leadership and Prisons Operations Leadership, the determination was made that R Unit would be placed on a Limited Area Outbreak.

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

It is imperative that everyone continue to wear a Surgical Mask, or appropriate [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#), and practice social distancing at all times and hold the incarcerated responsible to meet these standards. 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.