

Washington State Penitentiary

Superintendent's Office

DATE: August 27, 2021

TO: All WSP Staff

FROM: Donald Holbrook, WSP Superintendent



SUBJECT: WSP Limited Area Outbreak – Unit 6

As of Friday, August 27, 2021 Washington State Penitentiary has one (1) confirmed positive COVID-19 cases from the incarcerated population in Unit 6, which remains in Limited Area Outbreak status. IMU South and Victor Units have come off Limited Area Outbreak Status and returned to the normal movement schedule.

Due to staff positive results in IMU South, it is in Limited Area Cluster status, which requires the incarcerated population to be tested withing 72 hours. Those tests are being conducted today.

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

Great job and appreciation to all WSP staff members for the support of each other during these stressful times. We see you, and your efforts are not going unnoticed. Unit 6 was tested again on Tuesday with negative results, and will be tested again every 7 days until we achieve two consecutive testing cycles with no new positive results.

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!