



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

September 2, 2021

To: All Incarcerated Individuals

From: James Key, Superintendent 

Subject: **COVID-19 Weekly Update**

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 has been on Limited Area Outbreak status.

Per Corrections current COVID-19 screening, testing, infection control guideline, once serial testing results show that all incarcerated individuals in the living area or work release have two negative tests on days 5-7 and 10-14 of a 14-day period. AND they have been on quarantine status at least 14 days from their last contact with COVID positive or symptomatic patients, the living area or work release can be removed from quarantine.

R unit individuals were tested on August 20 and August 27 with negative results. To comply with the requirement above of a test during days 10-14, R unit individuals will be tested today, September 2, 2021. If those test results are all negative and dependent on when test results are received, we will look at removing the unit from quarantine status over the weekend.

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.