


# Washington State Penitentiary

## Superintendent's Office

**DATE:** September 2, 2021

**TO:** All WSP Incarcerated Individuals

**FROM:** Steve Barker, Associate Superintendent 

**SUBJECT:** WSP Limited Area Outbreak – IMU South and Unit 6

As of Thursday, September 2, 2021 the Washington State Penitentiary has two (2) confirmed positive COVID-19 cases from the incarcerated population in the Intensive Management Unit (IMU) South, which returned to Limited Area Outbreak status earlier in the week. Unit 6 has been removed from Limited Area Outbreak Status after receiving negative test results.

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

We'd like to express gratitude for your cooperation and continued use of proper PPE, and hope that the trend of negative test results continues. It is making a difference, and we cannot achieve normal movement and smooth operations without your continued cooperation and support.

It is very important that everyone continues to wear [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#), as well as maintain social distancing at all times. Please encourage and model the same behavior that we expect from everyone.

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. Please remain diligent in wearing your masks at all times, as your safety is a priority.

Corrections is committed to everyone's safety. We will continue to communicate with you as we progress through this pandemic.