

Washington State Penitentiary


Superintendent's Office

DATE: September 03, 2021

TO: All WSP Staff

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.

Thank you to everyone filling vacancies in the roster and helping with testing staff members and the population. We appreciate the help and admire your teamwork!

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!