


# Washington State Penitentiary

## Superintendent's Office

**DATE:** September 17, 2021

**TO:** All WSP Staff

**FROM:** Steve Barker, Associate Superintendent 

**SUBJECT:** WSP Limited Area Outbreak Status Removed – IMU South

As of Thursday, September 15, 2021 the Washington State Penitentiary confirms there are no current COVID19 positive cases among incarcerated individuals. In addition, the Intensive Management Unit (IMU) South will resume its normal movement schedule and is no longer considered on Limited Area Outbreak status.

Washington State Penitentiary is still on what is considered Cluster status due to staff positives and will continue with twice weekly testing until 14 days have passed with no new staff positives.

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!