



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
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**TO:** All Work Release Staff  
All Work Release Residents

**FROM:** David Ganas, Work Release/Reentry Senior Administrator

**SUBJECT** COVID-19 Testing and Community Access for Vaccinated Individuals  
During a Facility Outbreak

Effective on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, asymptomatic vaccinated residents housed in DOC Work Releases will not be restricted to the facility during a COVID-19 outbreak unless they are identified as a close contact to a positive case. Residents who are vaccinated for COVID-19 may continue to go to work if they meet the following criteria:

- Are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 (at least two weeks have passed since completion of the primary vaccine series)
- Have a negative COVID-19 rapid test on days 0, 3, and 7 of the outbreak prior to leaving the facility
- Have negative serial PCR testing for COVID-19 for the duration of the outbreak
- Remain in quarantine while within the facility (e.g. upon return from work) until the outbreak is over
- Not identified as a close contact to a positive case
- Do not have symptoms concerning for COVID-19

This change in practice is to further support residents in our facilities with successful reentry into our communities, while still maintaining precautions to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 based on CDC guidance.

Thank you for your patience, and adaptability through these uncertain and difficult times. We hope to get through this period of the pandemic as safely as we can and slowly return to more normal operations as possible.

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