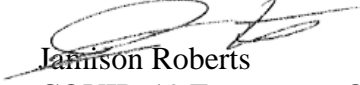




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TO: All Prisons Staff
All Work Release Staff

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: Non-Essential Travel Out of State – Using Public Transportation

The Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC) is committed to continue mitigating COVID-19 transmission and we encourage staff to review [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and [Washington State Department of Health \(DOH\)](#) guidance on travel recommendations prior to travel.

At times, DOC will choose to be more stringent than CDC recommendations within its work release and prison facilities, due to the high risk to people in congregate living settings.

As a result, DOC directs all staff who work at congregate settings (prison or work release facilities), who choose to travel out of state using public transportation for non-essential reasons to:

- Follow all CDC, DOH, and [US State Department \(for international travel\)](#) recommendations and requirements for your destination. This includes masking, maintaining social distance, practicing hand hygiene, completing any required testing if returning from abroad, *and may include following quarantine recommendations if traveling to high-risk countries or regions.*
- Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms during and after travel, and isolate and test if symptoms develop.
- Complete a rapid antigen test upon return to work after travel, this applies to those returning to the worksite within 7-days of returning from travel.

Thank you for your continued dedication to keeping everyone safe. It is important that we continue to socially distance, mask up, maintain hand hygiene, and stay home if sick. We also encourage you to follow these practices while you're away from work in your continued efforts to keep our communities safe.

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