



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
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**TO:** All OCC Staff  
All OCC Incarcerated Individuals

**FROM:** Jason Bennett, Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** OCC Limited Area Outbreaks

On January 2, 2022 the facility was notified that it had been placed on a Facility Wide Cluster due to seven staff testing positive for COVID-19. The facility wide cluster is defined as, “12 or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 in a main facility or 4 or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 in a camp (free-standing or co-located minimum security unit) within 14 days among staff and/or volunteers within a facility that have direct contact with the incarcerated population.”

On May 5, 2021, the Department announced an update to the COVID-19 protocols and shared the definition of a Limited Area Outbreak. Facilities that experience an outbreak, that is very limited to one area, may be placed on a Limited Area Outbreak. Meaning only the impacted area would be on outbreak status, and the rest of the facility would remain unaffected.

On January 3, 2022, the Olympic Corrections Center confirmed that twenty (20) Incarcerated Individuals from Ozette Unit had tested positive for COVID-19. Due to these positive test results, and per Department protocol, Ozette Unit has been determined to be on Limited Area Outbreak status.

All Incarcerated Individuals who have tested positive are being housed in an alternate housing unit and are on medical isolation. These individuals will be assessed daily for changes in their health status. The remainder of the Ozette Unit population will stay on quarantine pending future test results. Changes in test results and housing status will be communicated to you.

It is imperative to make sure you continue to wear your appropriate [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#), as well as social distancing at all times. Please encourage and model the same behavior that we expect from our incarcerated population.

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.

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

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