

Washington State Penitentiary

Superintendent's Office

DATE: January 06, 2022
TO: All WSP Staff
FROM: Assoc. Supt. Steve Barker, Incident Commander
SUBJECT: WSP Limited Area Outbreak & Cluster Status



As we navigate the current COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to see an increase in staff positives which has resulted in the entire facility being declared as in "Cluster Status". With being on "Cluster Status" we are now required to again test all staff members twice per week. Twice per week testing will continue until we achieved 14 days with no new staff positives associated with the current outbreak. Once this occurs, we will exit "Cluster Status" and will return to the previous schedule of once per week testing.

In addition to the Facility Cluster Status, the West Complex Kitchen is in Limited Area Outbreak Status, due to positive test results among staff and one (1) incarcerated individual in that area. WSP reports two (2) positive results from incarcerated individuals from Transfer Separation.

Starting tomorrow, January 7, 2022 we will also begin testing the entire Incarcerated Population, so if you are able to assist, please respond to those requests once they are announced. Due to the facility's Cluster Status, visiting is cancelled for all living units.

Staff testing twice per week will start on Monday, January 10, 2022:

If your days off are Saturday/Sunday-You will test on Monday and Thursday.

***For staff who have every other Monday off, test on the Tuesday after. If you have every other Friday off, test on the Thursday before.

If your days off are Sunday/Monday-You will test on Tuesday and Friday

If your days off are Monday/Tuesday-You will test on Wednesday and Saturday

If your days off are Tuesday/Wednesday- You will test on Thursday and Monday

If your days off are Wednesday/Thursday-You will test on Friday and Monday

If your days off are Thursday/Friday-You will test on Saturday and Tuesday

Please be safe and ensure that you and your family wear appropriate [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#) and follow the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) guidelines](#), by ensuring that you follow the six (6) foot social distancing rule and wash your hands as appropriate. 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 safe operations during these difficult times without the exceptional staff of WSP! Stay safe everyone!