



STATE OF WASHINGTON
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TO: All Work Release Staff
All Work Release Residents

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SUBJECT: Work Release Facilities Temporarily Suspend Visitation

The Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC) continues to see the significant impacts of the Omicron COVID-19 variant that are mirrored across the state. The health and safety of our staff, our residents and the community remain our highest priority during these challenging times.

Because DOC continues to see an increase in COVID-19 cases in both incarcerated individuals and staff, all Work Release Facility visitation is temporarily suspended, effective January 13, 2022.

We do not take this step lightly; we know that visitation is an essential part of reentry and only take this step out of a necessity to keep you safe.

The department's clinical staff will continue to monitor the COVID-19 data, and provide recommendations based on the guidance of the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Washington State Department of Health (DOH). This suspension will be reevaluated by February 3, 2022.

In the meantime, you are encouraged to maintain contact with family through messaging and phone calls. Information regarding DOC's response to COVID-19, including the Significant Events Timeline, Frequently Asked Questions, and COVID-19 bulletin is posted at each facility and sent to your KIOSK account. Take care of yourself, practice social distancing, hand washing, and wearing a mask. Thank you.