

Washington State Penitentiary

Superintendent's Office

DATE: January 14, 2022

TO: All WSP Incarcerated Individuals

FROM: Assoc. Supt. Steve Barker, Incident Commander



SUBJECT: WSP Cluster Status, Adams Unit and Unit 8 Limited Area Outbreak

As you know, the Washington State Penitentiary is on what is known as a Facility Wide Cluster status, which requires staff members to continue to test twice per week until we achieve 14 days without a new staff positive result. At this time, visiting is cancelled for all units.

In addition to the Facility Wide Cluster Status, Adams Unit and Unit 8 have been put on Limited Area Outbreak Status, due to twenty-seven (27) positive test results from incarcerated individuals in Adams Unit, and twenty-eight (28) in Unit 8 as of yesterday, January 13, 2022. The Department has also learned of positive test results from individuals housed in Fox Unit, and Rainier Unit this morning.

Staff have successfully completed the second round of rapid tests on the population yesterday, and we'd like to thank you for your continued cooperation and patience. Please know that the testing is being conducted to keep you safe and to ensure that we continue to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19.

Current numbers as of January 14, 2022:

- Current positive cases among incarcerated individuals – 61
- Incarcerated individuals on quarantine – 373
- Incarcerated individuals on medical isolation – 71
- Total COVID-19 positive cases January 2022 among incarcerated individuals – 62
- Positive serial testing results for WSP staff since January 1, 2022 – 28

Please remember that wearing your mask, washing your hands frequently and practicing social distancing wherever possible will go a long way to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. We will continue to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Washington State Department of Health's guidance, and make your health and safety are our priority.