

Washington State Penitentiary

Superintendent's Office

DATE: January 14, 2022

TO: All WSP Staff

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.

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.

Yesterday, January 13, WSP staff successfully conducted the second round of rapid tests on the entire population. We'd like to express gratitude to those who are able to help with that, as well as those who are making all the movement changes for quarantine and medical isolation as quick and efficient as possible. Due to the facility's cluster status, visiting is cancelled for all living units; however, attorney visits are still permitted through proper channels.

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 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 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!