

Washington State Penitentiary

Superintendent's Office

DATE: January 18, 2022
TO: All WSP Staff
FROM: Assoc. Supt. Steve Barker, Incident Commander
SUBJECT: WSP Facility Status Memo 01/18/2022



As new test results are continuing to come in at Washington State Penitentiary, the status of our facility in relation to the pandemic continues to evolve. Washington State Penitentiary is currently experiencing several Limited Area Outbreaks, including Adams Unit and Unit 8. In addition, WSP 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. What we know:

Staff members will be testing the entire population except for Unit 8, this Thursday, January 20, 2022. We will need volunteers to accomplish this, so if you are willing and able please respond to those requests when you see them. Your help is very much appreciated, and imperative to mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

We are reopening Unit 10 to temporarily house individuals from Unit 8 who have tested negative for COVID-19 and moving those who've tested positive and were moved to Echo Unit, back to Unit 8. These steps are meant to minimize the short and long-term impact that our response will have on our incarcerated population. As we move forward in the coming days you can expect to see cohorting in the dayrooms and shower/bathroom areas, serial testing of our incarcerated population, and an increased awareness to personal protective equipment (PPE) protocols, cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting and social distancing. It is our hope by taking these measures that we can cut down on the number of potential exposures and reduce the amount of time it will take to get back to a new normal with our operations.

Quarantine Units:

Baker Unit
Adams Unit- B and C Mods (Limited Area Outbreak)
Rainier Unit- B and C Mods
Delta Unit
Unit 8 - until January 18, 2022 (Limited Area Outbreak)

IMU North E Mod

Medical Isolation Unit:

Echo Unit- E Mod
IMU South- G Mod
IMU North- F Mod
Unit 8 - starting January 19, 2022 (Limited Area Outbreak)

Current numbers as of January 18, 2022:

- Current positive cases among incarcerated individuals – 163
- Incarcerated individuals on quarantine – 387
- Incarcerated individuals on medical isolation – 259
- Total COVID-19 positive cases January 2022 among incarcerated individuals – 164
- Positive serial testing results for WSP staff since January 1, 2022 – 58

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!