

Washington State Penitentiary

Superintendent's Office

DATE: February 9, 2022

TO: All WSP Incarcerated Individuals

FROM: Assoc. Supt. Steve Barker, Incident Commander
COVID-19 Safety & Compliance Lt., Evelyn Flores

SUBJECT: WSP II Weekly Facility Update



The Washington State Penitentiary is still on what is known as Facility Cluster status, twice weekly testing for staff members will continue until we can achieve 14 days with no new positives, and we must also continue to test the population at least once per week.

This week, Unit 8 in the East Complex has returned to normal movement after recording two negative results, and all of those who were housed in Unit 10 are being moved back to their units. Our hope is that this trend continues as the pandemic seems to have peaked.

As you know, COVID-19 has had a negative impact on our incarcerated workers and as a result, food services for the facility have seen several challenges. It has been brought to our attention that there are quality and content concerns with some of the meals that have been prepared, please know that the Department is aware of this and working toward a solution.

To heighten awareness for proper PPE practices among staff, the Department has created a COVID-19 Safety and Compliance Lieutenant position to oversee and ensure compliance of all COVID-19 protocols, including mask usage. On January 18, 2022, Lt. Evelyn Flores stepped into that position. You are being notified of this appointment to not only assure you of the Department's efforts toward safety and health, but to also encourage you to mirror proper use of PPE. Staff PPE usage is simply not enough, we need your help to return to normal movement and operations. Please practice regular mask usage, hand washing, sanitation, and social distancing wherever possible!

Facility locations under Limited Area Outbreak Status:

- Adams Unit
- Baker Unit
- Delta Unit
- Echo Unit
- Fox Unit
- Health Services IPU
- IMU North
- Rainier Unit
- Unit 6
- Victor Unit
- William Unit

Current numbers as of February 9, 2022:

- Current positive cases among incarcerated (in the last 30 days) – 908
- Number of confirmed cases of incarcerated to date – 1,926
- Number of confirmed staff cases to date – 628