

Washington State Penitentiary

Superintendent's Office

DATE: February 16, 2022

TO: All WSP Incarcerated Individuals

FROM: Assoc. Supt. Steve Barker, Incident Commander



SUBJECT: WSP II Weekly Facility Update 02/16/2022

The Washington State Penitentiary is still on what is known as Facility-Wide 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.

While weekly testing continues among most WSP units, we are also conducting two vaccine clinics for incarcerated individuals. One today, and another tomorrow on February 17, 2022. If you are interested in receiving a vaccine, please keep an eye out for additional information so that you can sign up for one.

You may have noticed Unit Managers and Sergeants asking what information you'd like to see to offer clarification on how the Department of Corrections is managing the pandemic. We received several important topics and questions and appreciate your patience while we put together information from the Center for Disease Control, and the Department of Health to provide to you.

One topic we are looking to address is the perception that individuals who are symptomatic have more freedoms and privileges than those who are on quarantine status. Please know that those who are symptomatic with negative test results raise the risk of exposure to others from a clinical standpoint, and unfortunately have more restrictions than those on quarantine. We look forward to providing more specifics on the other information requested in the very near future.

Facility locations under Limited Area Outbreak Status:

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

Current numbers as of February 15, 2022:

- Current positive cases among incarcerated (in the last 30 days) – 879
- Number of confirmed cases of incarcerated to date – 2043
- Number of confirmed staff cases to date – 654