

Corrections' COVID-19 Bulletin

December 16, 2020



Current Status

Staff at many facilities are working extended hours to maintain essential operations.

Numbers at a Glance

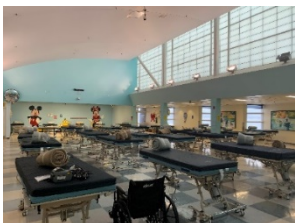
- **1,777** Total Active Incarcerated Cases
- **911** Total Recovered Incarcerated Cases
- **29th** out of 50 states for [number of positive cases](#)
- **36th** out of 50 states for [cases as a percentage of the population](#)

Prison Facilities

Airway Heights Corrections Center (AHCC)

- To date, 871 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Some incarcerated individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 are currently located in alternate housing in the Gym. The alternate housing locations within the facility provide opportunities to safely house COVID-19 positive incarcerated individuals separately from healthy individuals. The following is a list of actions that have occurred in the gym over the last several days:
 - Five (5) hard line phones were installed to provide more connection with incarcerated family and friends.
 - Two (2) Honey Buckets were delivered to address limited bathroom access.
 - A shower schedule was developed to address limited shower areas.
 - Meal and mail delivery concerns have been addressed and commissary delivered.
 - Clothing and linen concerns have been addressed.
 - Additional hygiene items and cleaning supplies have been delivered.
- COVID-19 response has created challenges to the timely delivery of mail, commissary, and laundry. As of this morning, these issues have been resolved.
- PPE reminders to staff are reinforced consistently throughout the day. Signage is posted at all points of entry. Supplies are readily available throughout the facility.
- The Visit Room is being converted to an additional alternate housing area (see photo in gallery).

Photo Gallery



Coyote Ridge Corrections Center (CRCC)

- To date, 349 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.

Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC)

- To date, 69 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.

- MCC is taking proactive steps to address any potential increase in positive COVID-19 cases, to include identifying alternative housing areas and revising recreation/movement schedules to establish smaller cohort groups to assist in the mitigation of COVID-19.

Stafford Creek Corrections Center (SCCC)

- To date, 374 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.
- The gym has been converted to an alternate housing area to safely house COVID-19 positive incarcerated individuals separately from healthy individuals.
- The Visit Room is being converted to an additional alternate housing area.

Washington Corrections Center (WCC)

- To date, 534 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.
- DOC and DOH staff constructed two (2) temporary structures to expand the capacity of [Regional Care Facility \(RCF\)](#). Each structure will house up to eight (8) COVID-19 positive incarcerated individuals who may require more comprehensive medical attention and physical isolation from health populations, but do not require hospitalization.

Photo Gallery



Washington State Penitentiary (WSP)

- To date, 400 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.
- A previously identified interruption of incarcerated individuals' phone lines was repaired, and all phones were back up and running.

Work/Training Release Facilities

Outbreaks

- No facility outbreaks

Ongoing Actions

- Residents who are in quarantine or medical isolation due to COVID-19, whether at the facility or off site, have room and board charges waived while unable to program.
- Transportation of resident(s) to hospital facilities or community medical clinics follow proper PPE protocols as identified in the [DOC COVID-19 PPE Matrix](#).
- [Effective November 12, 2020](#), no new residents have been transported to work/training release. The action was taken in an effort to increase the ability to socially distance in work/training release facilities.
- Modified movement has been established at work/training release facilities to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Each facility has identified cohorts, small groups of individuals that move together throughout the facility to have their meals, recreation and other activities.

Significant Event Timeline

The [COVID-19 Significant Event Timeline](#) is published publicly for interested parties and stakeholders to promote and cultivate an environment of integrity and trust, and to foster openness, values which are part of Corrections' mission to improve public safety. The following events are a summary of events occurring between March 5, 2020 and present.

- 12/16/2020 - DOC begins issuing COVID-19 Bulletin
- 11/25/2020 - DOC issues reminder to all staff to wear required face coverings
- 11/6/2020 - DOC mandates use of surgical masks for all staff entering any DOC facility
- 10/19/2020 - Staff serial testing implemented at all prison facilities
- 8/11/2020 - DOC establishes Regional Care Facility at WCCW
- 7/22/2020 - DOC begins serial testing at MCC
- 6/24/2020 - DOC begins weekly testing of staff at CRCC
- 6/23/2020 - DOC Regional Care Facilities at MCC and WCC become operational
- 4/30/2020 - DOC requests assessment to establish Regional Care Facilities
- 4/24/2020 - DOC requires all employees to view the agency's PPE video
- 4/17/2020 - DOC mandates use of facial coverings by all staff
- 4/3/2020 - CDC recommends use of cloth face coverings in public spaces
- 4/3/2020 - DOC begins issuing expired N95 respirators to specific staff
- 3/15/2020 - DOC begins active screening of staff at facilities that have resources
- 3/12/2020 - DOC suspends visitation at all prison facilities
- 3/5/2020 - DOC Incident Command Post Established

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