

Corrections' COVID-19 Bulletin

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Bulletin 8



Current Status

The Department of Corrections has begun receiving COVID-19 vaccine doses and as of December 28, 2020, has begun vaccinating DOC staff and incarcerated individuals at Airway Heights Corrections Center and Coyote Ridge Corrections Center according to the Department's priority list. Further information on the priority list can be found in the Topic of Interest section.

Numbers at a Glance

- **783** Total Staff Cases to Date
- **15,111** November 2020 Total [Average Daily Population](#) of Incarcerated Individuals for Prison and Work Release Facilities
- **2,595** Total Active Incarcerated Cases
- **1,677** Total Recovered Incarcerated Cases
- **20th** out of 50 states for [number of positive cases](#) (Data from [covidprisonproject.com](#))
- **25th** out of 50 states for [cases as a percentage of the population](#) (Data from [covidprisonproject.com](#))

Topic of Interest

The COVID-19 vaccine priority list is based on the [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention's Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices \(ACIP\)](#) and [Washington State Department of Health \(DOH\)](#) recommendations for Phase 1A vaccine dosing prioritization. The recommendation is that healthcare workers who are most at risk for becoming infected, such as those working in units that care for people with COVID-19 as well as residents of Long-Term Care Facilities be offered the first available doses of the vaccine.

According to Washington DOC's current Phase 1A prioritization plan the following groups will be offered priority vaccines:

- 1) All DOC employees working in CRCC Sage East unit
- 2) All incarcerated individuals residing in CRCC Sage East unit
- 3) All DOC employees working in facility inpatient units and Regional Care Facilities caring for COVID-19 patients
- 4) Long term care patients residing in facility inpatient units
- 5) All DOC employees working in facility living units comprised of COVID-19 patients

All DOC employees and incarcerated individuals not listed above will be offered COVID-19 vaccination in the coming weeks and months as we receive more doses and further prioritization guidelines are issued by the CDC and Washington DOH.

Prison Facilities

Airway Heights Corrections Center (AHCC)

- To date, 1,410 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Incarcerated individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 have started returning to work assignments.
- Staff identified as priority 1A as defined above, began voluntarily receiving the COVID-19 vaccine today. (See photo gallery)

Photo Gallery



Coyote Ridge Corrections Center (CRCC)

- To date, 353 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.
- CRCC C Unit was released from quarantine status.
- Incarcerated individuals identified as priority 1A as defined above, began voluntarily receiving the COVID-19 vaccine today. (See photo gallery)

Photo Gallery



Stafford Creek Corrections Center (SCCC)

- To date, 834 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.
- SCCC has established a designated living unit for incarcerated individuals who have recovered from COVID-19.

Washington Corrections Center (WCC)

- To date, 721 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.

Washington State Penitentiary (WSP)

- To date, 790 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Movement schedules and housing assignments continue to be adjusted to facilitate increased access to phones and showers for COVID-19 positive incarcerated individuals.

Work Release Facilities

Ahtanum View Work Release

- To date, 2 residents have tested positive for COVID-19.

Peninsula Work Release

- To date, 1 resident has tested positive for COVID-19.

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 occurred today:

- 12/28/2020 – Memo to [classification staff](#) and [incarcerated individuals](#) regarding virtual marriages
- 12/28/2020 – Memo to [incarcerated individuals](#) regarding resuming transfers to Work Release

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