

Corrections' COVID-19 Bulletin

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Bulletin 10



Current Status

Corrections' was notified yesterday that [Correctional Officer David A. Christensen](#) of the Stafford Creek Corrections Center passed away on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 from complications of COVID-19.

"It is with deep sadness that we announce the loss of Correctional Officer David Christensen due to COVID-19. Our hearts go out to Officer Christensen's grieving family and honor the sacrifice they have made," said Stephen Sinclair, Secretary of Corrections.

Numbers at a Glance

- **804** Total Staff Cases to Date
- **15,111** November 2020 Total [Average Daily Population](#) of Incarcerated Individuals for Prison and Work Release Facilities
- **1,963** Total Active Incarcerated Cases
- **2,415** 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](#))

Definitions of Interest

According to the [Washington State Corrections' 1A prioritization plan](#), reviewed with the [Washington State Department of Health](#), the following groups will be offered priority vaccines:

1. Departmental staff working in the Coyote Ridge Corrections Center (CRCC) Sage East unit, a **long-term care** living unit that houses geriatric incarcerated individuals with chronic medical needs and/or requiring assistance with activities and daily living;
2. Incarcerated individuals who are geriatric with chronic medical needs residing and/or requiring assistance with activities of daily living in CRCC Sage East, a long term care living unit in the facility that houses less than 40 individuals, or other long term care patients (approximately 20) with similar needs who cannot reside in Sage East;
3. Departmental staff working in medical **in-patient units** at multiple facilities and regional care facilities (RCF) caring for COVID-19 patients; and,
4. Departmental staff working in medical isolation units at multiple facilities comprised of COVID-19 patients.

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

Long term care patients are usually elderly, including those requiring assistance with activities of daily living and those who are too frail or medically fragile to live in a general population setting without assistance. These patients would need to reside in an assisted living or nursing home facility.

Facility in-patient units are located within prisons and house patients with acute or chronic medical conditions requiring 24/7 nursing care and medical management. This could include frail and medically fragile patients, those requiring assistance with activities of daily living, and those requiring acute skilled nursing care (IV antibiotics, IV fluids, etc.).

Prison Facilities

Airway Heights Corrections Center (AHCC)

- To date, 1,430 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.
- The Recreation Building alternate housing area originally designated as a medical isolation unit, is now designated as a recovery unit and houses only incarcerated individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 and have been removed from medical isolation status.
- CLARIFICATION to information provided on [12/29/2020 bulletin](#). The Rapid Deployment Care Facility alternate housing area consists of four (4) tents total. One tent houses four (4) showers, and four (4) toilets and three (3) sinks. The other three (3) tents each have 10 hospital beds. The tents have a dedicated PPE donning and doffing area, staff office, and a hallway connecting all tents. Additionally, each tent has a UVC/HEPA filter system for air clean exchange.

Coyote Ridge Corrections Center (CRCC)

- To date, 353 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.
- The Sage Unit has two (2) tiers on quarantine.

Larch Correction Center (LCC)

- To date, 3 incarcerated individual have tested positive for COVID-19.
- As a result of positive cases, LCC has met the definition for [outbreak](#) facility and has been placed in Restricted Movement status due to COVID-19 effective today.

Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC)

- To date, 79 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.
- As a result of new positive cases, MCC has met the definition for [outbreak](#) facility.
- Washington State Reformatory Unit C and D units have been placed on quarantine and incarcerated individuals housed in these units are being tested for COVID-19.

Stafford Creek Corrections Center (SCCC)

- To date, 900 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.

Washington Corrections Center (WCC)

- To date, 722 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.

Washington State Penitentiary (WSP)

- To date, 801 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.

Work Release Facilities

Ahtanum View Work Release

- To date, 3 residents have tested positive for COVID-19.
- The Ahtanum View Work Release facility remains on quarantine status.
- Residents have access to cell phones to make contact with family and employers.

Peninsula Work Release

- To date, 2 resident has tested positive for COVID-19.
- The Peninsula Work Release facility remains on quarantine status.
- Residents have access to cell phones to make contact with family and employers.

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:

- 12/30/2020 – Memos to [staff](#), [incarcerated individuals](#), and [interested parties](#) regarding LCC's restricted movement due to COVID-19.
- 12/30/2020 – WSP Superintendent Holbrook weekly COVID-19 update memos to [staff](#) and [incarcerated individuals](#).
- 12/30/2020 – AHCC Superintendent Key weekly COVID-19 update memos to [staff](#) and [incarcerated individuals](#)

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