

# Corrections' COVID-19 Bulletin

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## Current Status

- Corrections continues to ensure the safe transition of incarcerated individuals to lower levels of custody and will begin safely [resuming transfers to work release facilities](#) beginning in January 2021. Transfers will be limited to those facilities with available capacity and beds will be filled as they become open through releases.

## Numbers at a Glance

- **880** Total Staff Cases to Date
- **15,111** November 2020 Total [Average Daily Population](#) of Incarcerated Individuals for Prison and Work Release Facilities
- **1,452** Total Active Incarcerated Cases
- **3,482** Total Recovered Incarcerated Cases
- **18th** out of 50 states for [number of positive cases](#) (Data from [covidprisonproject.com](#))
- **23rd** out of 50 states for [cases as a percentage of the population](#) (Data from [covidprisonproject.com](#))

## Topics of Interest

- **Medical Isolation** is not a punitive measure nor is it the same as what members of the public refer to as “solitary confinement.” It is a measure taken to protect the health and safety of all incarcerated individuals and to mitigate and stop the spread of COVID-19. Incarcerated individuals are allowed to bring their personal belongings with them to medical isolation. Incarcerated individuals in medical isolation areas are provided opportunities to call their friends and family. Individuals on medical isolation are seen by mental health providers per the [WA State DOC COVID-19 Mental Health/Psychiatry Response Guideline](#). These steps, and others, are taken to ensure that those on medical isolation are both physically and mentally cared for by health services staff, and also continue to have connections with their friends and family.

## Prison Facilities

### Airway Heights Corrections Center (AHCC)

- Number of new cases in last 30 days: 896
- Number of confirmed cases to date: 1,438
- As the recovery rates increase, incarcerated individuals are being cleared to return to work.
- The food factory will be working additional hours in January to bring production back to normal.
- L-unit, M-unit, and R-unit B-tier were released from medical isolation status.

### Larch Correction Center (LCC)

- Number of new cases in last 30 days: 219
- Number of confirmed cases to date: 219

### Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC)

- Number of new cases in last 30 days: 143
- Number of confirmed cases to date: 209

### Stafford Creek Corrections Center (SCCC)

- Number of new cases in last 30 days: 772
- Number of confirmed cases to date: 978
- Recovered COVID-19 incarcerated individuals moved out of the alternate housing areas in the P building and visit room yesterday.
- Laundry, commissary, and food services are operating with limited crews. Laundry and garbage pickup are both working seven (7) days a week. The facility continues to identify recovered individuals who are able to return to work.

### Washington Corrections Center (WCC)

- Number of new cases in last 30 days: 459
- Number of confirmed cases to date: 797

### Washington State Penitentiary (WSP)

- Number of new cases in last 30 days: 523
- Number of confirmed cases to date: 850

## Work Release Facilities

### Ahtanum View Work Release

- Number of new cases in last 30 days: 4
- Number of confirmed cases to date: 4

## 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 occurred today:

- 01/05/21 – Memo to [all staff](#) regarding the second line of duty death from COVID-19.
- 01/05/21 – Weekly update memos were sent to [staff](#) and [incarcerated individuals](#) at SCCC
- 01/05/21 – Memo regarding updated [Mapping Guidelines](#) was sent to Appointing Authorities, HR Managers, Health Service Managers, Occupational Nurse Consultants, and Infection Prevention Nurses.

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