

Corrections' COVID-19 Bulletin

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Current Status

The Department of Corrections continues to be focused on mitigating the transmission of COVID-19 and regularly reviews and updates its protocols based on guidance from the Washington State Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control.

Numbers at a Glance

- **13,334** September 2021 Total [Average Daily Population](#) of Incarcerated Individuals for Prison and Work Release Facilities
- **2,012** Total Staff Cases have had COVID-19 to Date
- **6,580** Total Recovered Incarcerated Cases
- **56** Total Active Incarcerated Cases
- **63** Incarcerated Individuals in Medical Isolation
- **785** Incarcerated Individuals in Quarantine
- **9,489** Incarcerated Individuals have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine
- **4,200** Staff* have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine
- **19th** out of 50 states for [number of positive cases](#) (Data from [covidprisonproject.com](#))
- **21st** out of 50 states for [cases as a percentage of the population](#) (Data from [covidprisonproject.com](#))
- **40th** for [mortality rate of positive COVID-19 cases](#) out of the 44 states that report mortality rate data (Data from [covidprisonproject.com](#))

**This number includes Corrections Staff, Contract Staff, Office of the Ombuds and Disability Rights Washington who received vaccine doses from DOC and does not include those staff members who were vaccinated elsewhere.*

Clinical Corner

From the HQ COVID-19 Clinical Leadership Team

Although COVID-19 infections are declining in the U.S., there are still too many getting infected each day. It is hard to know what winter will bring, but we have learned that slowing the transmission of COVID-19 requires a combination of strategies. Safe and effective vaccines are our most effective tool. The FDA will hold three meetings this month to discuss booster doses for the Moderna and J&J COVID-19 vaccines, as well as Pfizer's request to authorize its vaccine for use in 5 to 11-year-olds. However, vaccines need to be combined with testing strategies and the public health measures we have become accustomed to, like masking, social distancing, and handwashing.

We also need to improve clinical care and the development of life-saving treatments for COVID-19. The medications currently available for COVID-19 require them to be given intravenously (an infusion through the veins). Last Friday, the pharmaceutical company Merck announced a new antiviral pill, molnupiravir, to treat people sick with COVID-19, but not yet hospitalized. A small research study showed that it reduced hospitalization and death by about 50%. Merck intends to seek emergency authorization from the FDA with the hopes of the drug being authorized before the end of the year.

These developments get us closer to the return to more normal activities. Broader access to vaccines, the discovery of antiviral medications, and your continued participation, make me hopeful that we will get there together.

Prison Facilities

Limited Area Outbreak

Airway Heights Corrections Center

- Number of new cases in last 30 days: 3
- Number of confirmed cases to date: 1685

Washington Corrections Center

- Number of new cases in last 30 days: 14
- Number of confirmed cases to date: 1094

Facility Wide Outbreak

Clallam Bay Corrections Center

- Number of new cases in last 30 days: 76
- Number of confirmed cases to date: 148

DOC's COVID-19 Response

Visit the [COVID-19 Significant Event Timeline](#), which 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.

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