

# Corrections' COVID-19 Bulletin

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## Current Status

The Washington State Department of Corrections' (DOC) Prisons and Work Release facilities are currently mirroring the current increase of COVID-19 cases across the state with 20 currently on outbreak status. DOC's priority is the health and safety of staff and everyone in its care and custody and has taken the following measures to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 and continue maintaining safe and humane correctional environments. The department has also taken a number of steps to address staffing shortages. You can read about those steps, [here](#).

Each prison and work release facility on outbreak status sends out a weekly status update message, that can be viewed on the department's [Significant Events Timeline](#). You can search for information about a specific facility by visiting the SET, hitting ctrl+f, and typing in the acronym of the facility you are interested in.

## Numbers at a Glance

### Average Daily Population

- **12,546** December 2021 Total [Average Daily Population](#) of Incarcerated Individuals for Prison and Work Release Facilities

### Staff Cases

- Active Staff Cases **717**
- Total Staff Cases To Date **3,413**
- Total Staff Cases Recovered **2,692**

### Incarcerated Cases

- Active Incarcerated Cases **2,508**
- Total Incarcerated Cases To Date **10,401**
- Total Incarcerated Cases Recovered **7,877**

### Isolation & Quarantine

- Incarcerated Individuals in Medical Isolation **2,208**
- Incarcerated Individuals in Quarantine **7,472**

### Vaccination Status

- Incarcerated Individuals vaccinated (at least one dose) **10,207**

### National Comparison

- **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.*

## Frequently Asked Questions

*Each week, DOC will be responding to top questions received by the Office of the Corrections Ombuds. To learn more about this, and to see the full list of this week's questions – [visit the webpage, here](#).*

### **How is Department of Corrections (DOC) deciding when to move people who have a positive COVID test or are exposed? Why not allow people to quarantine or isolate in place in their current housing units? Will DOC ever consider this as an option?**

To mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 in impacted living units during an outbreak, individuals who test positive are temporarily moved to medical isolation areas that are separated from quarantined areas. Most quarantined individuals are able to stay in their usual living unit. It is when individuals are at a higher risk for becoming positive that they are then moved to single cell quarantine areas. For example, if an individual has a cell

mate who tests positive for COVID-19, they are then moved to quarantine in a single cell area. This protects individuals in the living unit who are not positive for COVID-19 and better allows clinical teams to monitor positive individuals. Clinical teams made up of the facilities medical staff and medical staff at headquarters meet regularly to discuss each facilities unique situation and make the best clinical decisions for patients. Corrections regularly updates its [COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Infection Control Guidelines \(pdf\)](#) and follows [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) and [Washington State Department of Health \(DOH\)](#) guidance when making housing decisions for patients.

## Prison Facilities

*Starting January 24, 2022, DOC will be including active cases from the last 14 days rather than confirmed cases in the last 30 days. This is in an effort to provide the most current, relevant information possible in the bulletin. You can still review confirmed cases in the last 30 days, and more data, on our [COVID-19 data webpage, available here](#).*

### Facility-Wide Outbreak

#### Airway Heights Corrections Center

##### Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 554
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 2288
- Approved visitors will be able to schedule video visits later this week with individuals in the Main institution and MSU.
- Continuing to deliver class materials and assignments to those currently enrolled in education classes.
- Services including notary, e-filings and legal copies will continue to be provided.
- Will be providing two cold meals and one hot meal a day due to critical-staffing levels and lack of incarcerated workers.

##### Staff

- Active staff Cases: 102
- Total staff cases to date: 435

#### Cedar Creek Corrections Center

##### Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 65
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 173
- All individuals in Cascade Unit will be Rapid Antigen Tested today, and those in Olympic Unit will be PCR tested today.
- Alpine Unit, the Visit Room and T-Line have been reopened to temporarily house individuals who have tested positive.

##### Staff

- Active staff Cases: 16
- Total staff cases to date: 57

#### Clallam Bay Corrections Center

##### Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 103
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 354
- 253 incarcerated individuals on quarantine from all units.
- 255 tests are pending from last facility wide COVID-19 testing Tuesday, January 25.

##### Staff

- Active staff Cases: 36
- Total staff cases to date: 158

#### Coyote Ridge Corrections Center

##### Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 258
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 837
- Today all of MSU will be tested again, along with A Unit.
- January 25, 2022, Units Sage East, C and G were tested.
- All of MSU, and Units I and B were given a rapid antigen test January 24, 2022.
- January 24, 2022, D unit and E unit were approved to come off of quarantine.

##### Staff

- Active staff Cases: 99
- Total staff cases to date: 426

## Mission Creek Corrections Center for Women

### Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 22
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 48

### Staff

- Active staff Cases: 5
- Total staff cases to date: 29

## Monroe Correctional Complex

### Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 690
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 1473
- The Commissary has been experiencing COVID-related disruptions to their services and delivery capabilities, which is subsequently impacting WCC's ability to deliver store orders.

### Staff

- Active staff Cases: 49
- Total staff cases to date: 372

## Olympic Corrections Center

### Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 49
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 134
- All incarcerated individuals who have tested positive are temporarily housed in an alternate housing unit in Clearwater Unit.

### Staff

- Active staff Cases: 3
- Total staff cases to date: 53

## Stafford Creek Corrections Center

### Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 67
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 1406
- Meals are taking longer to serve due to a shortage of workers in the food-service department.

### Staff

- Active staff Cases: 36
- Total staff cases to date: 248

## Washington Corrections Center

### Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 307
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 1811
- Due to delays in receiving test results from the lab, WCC has recently transitioned to the use of Rapid-Antigen Tests.
- Specific TC workers may continue with work assignments on a case-by-case basis, as approved by medical.

### Staff

- Active staff Cases: 137
- Total staff cases to date: 383

## Washington Corrections Center for Women

### Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 84
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 237
- Positive cases have been found in both Mission and Gold Units and those units remain on quarantine.
- Those who have been in close contact with COVID-19 positive individuals are being housed in Bear Unit and tested daily for five days.

### Staff

- Active staff Cases: 43
- Total staff cases to date: 178

## Limited-Area Outbreak

### Washington State Penitentiary

**Adams Unit, Baker Unit, Delta Unit, Health Services IPU, IMU North, Rainier Unit, Unit 6, Unit 8, Victor Unit, William Unit**

#### Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 482
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 1504
- One kitchen is supporting facility meals due to incarcerated worker and staffing shortages.
- COVID-19 vaccine clinic is being held for the population today.
- Fox Unit and half of Echo Unit are not on outbreak status at this time.

#### Staff

- Active staff Cases: 108
- Total staff cases to date: 529

## Work Release Facilities

### Facility-Wide Outbreak

#### Ahtanum View Work Release

##### Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 9
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 26

##### Staff

- Active staff Cases: 2
- Total staff cases to date: 15

#### Bellingham Work Release

##### Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 2
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 27
- Due to staffing shortages, breakfast will be served cold, lunch and dinner will continue to be hot.

##### Staff

- Active staff Cases: 1
- Total staff cases to date: 3

#### Bishop Lewis Work Release

##### Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 2
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 48

##### Staff

- Active staff Cases: 2
- Total staff cases to date: 13

#### Brownstone Work Release

##### Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 11
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 34

##### Staff

- Active staff Cases: 2
- Total staff cases to date: 9

#### Olympia Work Release

##### Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 1
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 8

##### Staff

- Active staff Cases: 3
- Total staff cases to date: 9

#### Peninsula Work Release

#### Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 3
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 11

#### Staff

- Active staff Cases: 1
- Total staff cases to date: 8

#### Progress House Work Release

##### Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 6
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 49

##### Staff

- Active staff Cases: 0
- Total staff cases to date: 6

#### Reynolds Work Release

##### Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 12
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 45
- Testing is provided twice weekly – Monday's and Thursdays

##### Staff

- Active staff Cases: 2
- Total staff cases to date: 13

#### Tri-Cities Work Release

##### Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 4
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 10

##### Staff

- Active staff Cases: 4
- Total staff cases to date: 12

### 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.

For additional information visit [doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/](https://doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/)  
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