

Corrections' COVID-19 Bulletin

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Bulletin 129



Current Status

The Washington State Department of Corrections' (DOC) Prisons and Work Release facilities are seeing a promising decline in COVID-19 impacts with 4 currently on outbreak status. There were 20 on outbreak status on January 24, 2022. DOC's priority is the health and safety of staff and everyone in its care and custody.

DOC has been using the Incarcerated Individual Betterment Fund (IIBF) to do a variety of things for incarcerated individuals to help the time pass more smoothly. Additionally, a [message was sent to incarcerated individuals and family members](#) on February 25, 2022, that provided an update on DOC's response to COVID-19.

DOC [announced an update to prison and work release visitation status](#) on February 22, 2022.

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 \(SET\)](#). 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

- **12,371** January 2022 Total [Average Daily Population](#) of Incarcerated Individuals for Prison and Work Release Facilities

Staff Cases

- Active Staff Cases **58**
- Total Staff Cases To Date **4,090**
- Total Staff Cases Recovered **4,028**

Incarcerated Cases

- Active Incarcerated Cases **144**
- Total Incarcerated Cases To Date **13,293**
- Total Incarcerated Cases Recovered **13,132**

Isolation & Quarantine

- Incarcerated Individuals in Medical Isolation **148**
- Incarcerated Individuals in Quarantine **1,341**

Vaccination Status

- Incarcerated Individuals vaccinated (at least one dose) **10,430**

**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

To review DOC's COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions – [visit the webpage, here](#).

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

Main

Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 3
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 2,945
- Minimum Security Unit (MSU) removed from Facility Wide Outbreak March 2.
- Visitation will re-open at MSU on Sunday, March 6, 2022.
- MSU: CI Food Services will begin Grab n Go meals on Monday, March 7, 2022.
- Main remains of Facility Wide Outbreak status.
- Bottled water is only being distributed to K Unit and L Unit, due to them being dry cells and on a single cell cohort schedule. All other areas have unrestricted access to water.
- Textiles and Bindery have slowly started to reopen operations this week with recovered workforce individuals skilled in these industries.
- Staff have worked this week to return the MSU C6 (gym) to its normal operating status, as it is no longer needed as an alternate housing area.

Staff

- Active staff Cases: 5
- Total staff cases to date: 541

Larch Corrections Center

Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 20
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 413
- All individuals who test positive will be re-located temporarily to Elkhorn Unit.

Staff

- Active staff Cases: 3
- Total staff cases to date: 71

Limited-Area Outbreak

Coyote Ridge Corrections Center

B Unit, A Unit H Tier

Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 39
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 985
- B-unit, B-pod is being tested Friday, March 4.
- B Unit will test Monday, March 7, 2022.
- The following areas are currently on medical-isolation status: F Unit B Pod, A Unit I Tier and J Tier.

Staff

- Active staff Cases: 5
- Total staff cases to date: 516

Monroe Correctional Complex

MCC-SOU E & F Unit removed from Limited Area Outbreak status March 3.

Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 2
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 1,691
- SOU E and F Unit removed from Limited Area Outbreak status March 3.
- MCC in-person visiting is scheduled to resume on Friday, March 4, 2022.
- SOU E & F Units will resume in-person visiting on Friday, March 11, 2022.
- Commissary, Laundry and Food Service are all running smoothly. Orders are being pulled and shipped, laundry currently is on a one-day turnaround and food service reports the grab and go hot meals are continuing without issue.
- Chemical Dependency and Religious programs have resumed.

- Health Services has begun giving out COVID-19 vaccination and booster shots for every Incarcerated Individual at TRU that was signed up.

Staff

- Active staff Cases: 9
- Total staff cases to date: 448

Washington State Penitentiary

Delta Unit, Echo Unit, Fox Unit, IMU South, Victor Unit, William Unit

Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 72
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 2,097

Staff

- Active staff Cases: 15
- Total staff cases to date: 678

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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