

Corrections' COVID-19 Bulletin

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Current Status

The Washington State Department of Corrections' (DOC) Prisons and Work Release facilities continue to see 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 March 4, 2022, that provided an update on DOC's response to COVID-19 and the opening of visitation at facilities.

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

DOC will publish an updated Safe Start document in mid-March.

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 **41**
- Total Staff Cases To Date **4,095**
- Total Staff Cases Recovered **4,050**

Incarcerated Cases

- Active Incarcerated Cases **125**
- Total Incarcerated Cases To Date **13,395**
- Total Incarcerated Cases Recovered **13,253**

Isolation & Quarantine

- Incarcerated Individuals in Medical Isolation **160**
- Incarcerated Individuals in Quarantine **851**

Vaccination Status

- Incarcerated Individuals vaccinated (at least one dose) **10,466**

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

Larch Corrections Center

Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 7
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 415
- 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

Airway Heights Corrections Center

T Unit

Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 0
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 2,946
- March 7, the AHCC Main facility in consultation with HQ Health Services was removed from Facility Wide Outbreak status and is now on Limited Area Outbreak status.
- N Unit A Side remains on quarantine and houses quarantine and medical isolation individuals.
- AHCC will be demobilizing all COVID-19 alternative housing areas, except for the Regional Care Facility (RCF) which was warm closed on February 25, 2022.
- Wednesday, March 9, 2022: The Main Gym and outside yard, and the MSU Gym will be open for use.
- Monday, March 14, 2022: The Main facility will resume short line for early workers, grab-and-go mainline for all units that are eligible for regular movement, and pre-outbreak laundry schedule will go back into effect for all living areas.

Staff

- Active staff Cases: 5
- Total staff cases to date: 543

Coyote Ridge Corrections Center

B Unit, A Unit H Tier

Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 101
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 1075
- B Unit tested 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: 6
- Total staff cases to date: 518

Washington State Penitentiary

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

Incarcerated

- Active incarcerated cases: 9
- Total incarcerated cases to date: 2,101

Staff

- Active staff Cases: 9
- 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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