Washington State Penitentiary
Superintendent’s Office

DATE: January 28, 2021

TO: WSP Incarcerated Individuals

FROM: Superintendent Holbrook

SUBJECT: Weekly COVID-19 Update

Washington State Penitentiary is continuing to see a downward trend in new cases. Units that are currently on quarantine status are the east side of Golf Unit, the C mod of IMU North and Unit 6. Units that are currently on medical isolation status are the east side of Echo Unit, the east side of Fox Unit and the A mod of IMU North. Additionally, B and D mods of the IMU North are being utilized for transfer and intake separation.

As I’m sure you are aware, this pandemic has caused ever evolving movement changes. Please continue to be patient with staff as we navigate these difficult times, and also keep in mind that custody staff do not have medical information, therefore they can’t answer questions related to you and why you may be moving. Only medical staff are authorized to provide that type of information, so if you have questions about your test results, movement changes or personal concerns of that nature please be sure to ask the appropriate staff members.

We’ve also come to a place in this pandemic that incarcerated individuals who are six (6) months post positive will begin serial testing again if an outbreak occurs.

As we see the downward trend in cases, we want to keep that momentum going, so it is important to remember that compliance with COVID-19 protocols must continue. Masks must be worn at all times, keep six (6) feet socially distanced, practice frequent hand washing, and sanitize areas. Your patience and cooperation with staff is important, and greatly appreciated!