DATE: January 22, 2022
TO: All WSP Incarcerated Individuals
FROM: Assoc. Supt. Steve Barker, Incident Commander
SUBJECT: WSP II Weekly Facility Status Update

The Washington State Penitentiary is still on what is known as Facility Cluster Status, so twice weekly testing for staff members will continue until we can achieve 14 days with no new positives. As of today, we have received positive test results out of Unit 6, so that unit is now also on Quarantine, and Limited Area Outbreak Status.

To mitigate the spread, Victor and William Units are now back to cohorting, and individuals from those units who work in the kitchen are being tested before each shift. Currently, just one kitchen is supporting facility meals due to incarcerated worker and staffing shortages.

Every unit except for Unit 8 was tested yesterday, January 20, 2022, and we’d like to thank you for your continued patience and cooperation. As we move forward in the coming days you can expect to see cohorting in the dayrooms and shower/bathroom areas, continued testing of the population, and an increased awareness to personal protective equipment (PPE) protocols, cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting and social distancing. It is our hope by taking these measures that we can cut down on the number of potential exposures and reduce the amount of time it will take to get back to a new normal with our operations.

Quarantine Units:
- Baker Unit (Limited Area Outbreak)
- Adams Unit (Limited Area Outbreak)
- Rainier Unit (Limited Area Outbreak)
- Delta Unit (Limited Area Outbreak)
- IMU North- (Limited Area Outbreak)
- Unit 6- (Limited Area Outbreak)

Medical Isolation Unit:
- Echo Unit- E Mod
- IMU South- G Mod
- IMU North- F Mod
- Unit 8 – Limited Area Outbreak

Current numbers as of January 22, 2022:
- Current positive cases among incarcerated (in the last 30 days) – 193
- Number of confirmed cases of incarcerated to date – 1,208
- Number of confirmed staff cases to date – 473

Please remember that wearing your mask, washing your hands frequently and practicing social distancing wherever possible will go a long way to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. We will continue to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Washington State Department of Health’s guidance, and make your health and safety are our priority.