

Current Status

Staff at many facilities are working extended hours to maintain essential operations.

Numbers at a Glance

- **1,891** Total Active Incarcerated Cases
- **983** Total Recovered Incarcerated Cases
- **29th** out of 50 states for [number of positive cases](#)
- **36th** out of 50 states for [cases as a percentage of the population](#)

Definitions of Interest

- **Medical Isolation** is not a punitive measure nor is it the same as what members of the public refer to as “solitary confinement.” It is a measure taken to protect the health and safety of all incarcerated individuals and to mitigate and stop the spread of COVID-19. Incarcerated individuals are allowed to bring their personal belongings with them to medical isolation. Incarcerated individuals in medical isolation areas are provided opportunities to call their friends and family. Individuals on medical isolation are seen by mental health providers per the [WA State DOC COVID-19 Mental Health/Psychiatry Response Guideline](#). These steps, and others, are taken to ensure that those on medical isolation are both physically and mentally cared for by health services staff, and also continue to have connections with their friends and family.
- **Shower protocols** for individuals on medical isolation status have been continuously reviewed and updated throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Operational plans are developed in medical isolation areas to allow time out of cell for a minimum of 30 minutes each day per person. Currently in the protocols after seven days of medical isolation, showers should occur per normal unit operating procedures. The first seven (7) days of medical isolation are to remain as highly restricted movement to prevent the potential spread of COVID-19. Running water, basins and hygiene products are provided to individuals in medical isolation for hygiene purposes whenever they desire.

Prison Facilities

Airway Heights Corrections Center (AHCC)

- To date, 1,047 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.

Coyote Ridge Corrections Center (CRCC)

- To date, 350 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.

Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC)

- To date, 69 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Following protocols outlined in [WA State DOC COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Infection Control Guideline](#), those incarcerated individuals at the Twin Rivers Unit were removed from quarantine status after they received two negative COVID-19 test results and had completed their quarantine for a period of at least 14-days.

Stafford Creek Corrections Center (SCCC)

- To date, 374 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.

- The Visit Room conversion to an alternate housing area is complete. This space is available as alternate housing. (see Photo Gallery)

Photo Gallery



Washington Corrections Center (WCC)

- To date, 534 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Following protocols outlined in [WA State DOC COVID-19 Screening, Testing, and Infection Control Guideline](#), WCC has started the process of transitioning incarcerated individuals who previously tested positive for COVID-19 and are now recovered, out of medical isolation housing.

Washington State Penitentiary (WSP)

- To date, 414 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.
- WSP continues to work to facilitate increased communication between incarcerated individuals and their family and friends.

Work Release Facilities

Status

- All work release facilities are fully operational and there are no current outbreaks of COVID-19.

Ongoing Actions

- All work release facilities are establishing processes for serial testing, which is scheduled to begin the week of December 21, 2020.
- All staff and residents at work release facilities are required to wear surgical masks. Masks are replaced each day and whenever the mask becomes soiled, wet or contaminated.
- There has been no disruption to meal service during this time.

Significant Event Timeline

The [COVID-19 Significant Event Timeline](#) 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. The following events occurred yesterday:

- 12/16/2020 – COVID-19 Vaccine Information memos were sent to All DOC Staff, Incarcerated Individuals, and Interested Parties.
- 12/16/2020 – Staff and incarcerated individuals at SCCC and MCC sent COVID-19 status update memos.

For additional information visit doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/