Corrections' COVID-19 Bulletin

December 21, 2020



Current Status

On December 16, 2020 we shared information with <u>all staff</u> and <u>incarcerated individuals</u> about the
Department's ongoing communication with the <u>Washington State Department of Health</u> regarding
distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. The Department is currently developing a priority list for both staff
and incarcerated individuals.

Numbers at a Glance

- 2,337 Total Active Incarcerated Cases
- 1,313 Total Recovered Incarcerated Cases
- 24th out of 50 states for number of positive cases (Data from covidprisonproject.com)
- 34th out of 50 states for cases as a percentage of the population (Data from covidprisonproject.com)

Frequently Asked Questions

- What is the protocol when an incarcerated individual exhibits symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19?
 - Testing of the incarcerated population is conducted per the department's <u>COVID-19 Screening</u>, <u>Testing</u>, <u>and Infection Control Guideline</u>. Incarcerated individuals are tested if they are identified during contact tracing, self-identify symptoms and/or if they are identified by staff as being symptomatic.
 - Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 are then appropriately placed on quarantine status or in medical isolation, per the Department's <u>COVID-19 Screening</u>, <u>Testing</u>, <u>and Infection Control</u> <u>Guideline</u>, depending on whether they are symptomatic or asymptomatic and are kept separate from healthy individuals.

Prison Facilities

Airway Heights Corrections Center (AHCC)

- To date, 1,279 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Over the weekend the Minimum Security Unit (MSU) continued to move incarcerated individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 to alternate housing areas and away from healthy individuals.
- MSU has implemented a cohort dayroom schedule which provides incarcerated individuals regular use
 of common areas and opportunities to access phones and messaging systems up to three (3) times per
 day.

Coyote Ridge Corrections Center (CRCC)

• To date, 351 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.

Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC)

• To date, 69 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.

Stafford Creek Corrections Center (SCCC)

- To date, 607 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.
- The alternate housing areas located in the gym, visit room, and P building are housing incarcerated individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 to keep them separate from healthy individuals.

Washington Corrections Center (WCC)

To date, 611 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.

• WCC continues to prepare alternate housing areas to safely house COVID-19 positive incarcerated individuals away from healthy individuals.

Washington State Penitentiary (WSP)

- To date, 648 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Some incarcerated individuals are being housed in the alternate housing area in the South Complex gym to safely house COVID-19 positive incarcerated individuals separately from healthy individuals.

Work Release Facilities

Ongoing Actions

• Serial testing of staff and residents <u>begins this week</u> at Bellingham Work Release. Remaining facilities will begin testing once supplies are received.

Significant Event Timeline

The <u>COVID-19 Significant Event Timeline</u> 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 today:

12/21/2020 – Incarcerated individuals memo regarding COVID-19 transmission through food

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