Corrections' COVID-19 Bulletin

December 23, 2020



Current Status

The Washington State Department of Corrections is currently developing a priority list based on the <u>Centers for Disease Control & Prevention's Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP)</u>, and Washington State Department of Health's phased recommendations for vaccine prioritization, to ensure those who need it most are vaccinated first. This prioritization applies to both staff and incarcerated individuals. While we would prefer to vaccinate all of the Department's employees and incarcerated individuals as soon as possible, vaccine doses will initially be very limited so we must prioritize doses to the highest risk individuals. Corrections has developed a COVID-19 vaccine team with representatives from all Department divisions, who are currently working on a plan for prioritization, receipt, distribution, and administration of the vaccine.

Numbers at a Glance

- 2,189 Total Active Incarcerated Cases
- 1,565 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)

Definition of Interest

- The Washington State Department of Health defines an outbreak within a Corrections' facility as:
 - a) Two or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 in incarcerated individuals occurring within 14 days who reside in the same living area or work release

OR

- b) One (1) or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 in an incarcerated individual AND one (1) or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 in staff working in proximity to the incarcerated individual case/cases occurring within 14 days
- c) Incarcerated individual COVID-19 cases occurring in intake separation areas are not included in

 (a) above. Management of multiple cases in intake separation areas will be discussed with
 Prisons/Health Services Unified Command on a case by case basis.

Prison Facilities

Airway Heights Corrections Center (AHCC)

- To date, 1,307 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.
- The Minimum Security Unit updated the cohort activity schedule. The new schedule includes outdoor activity opportunities for all units and tiers.

Coyote Ridge Corrections Center (CRCC)

- To date, 352 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Incarcerated individuals housed in the alternate housing area in the Minimum Security Unit (MSU) gym
 who had tested positive for COVID-19 and since recovered, have returned to traditional housing units.
 The converted MSU gym will remain available for use as an alternate housing area if needed.

Stafford Creek Corrections Center (SCCC)

• To date, 663 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.

Washington Corrections Center (WCC)

• To date, 620 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.

Washington State Penitentiary (WSP)

- To date, 650 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19.
- WSP is developing a movement schedule for Victor Unit for post-isolation incarcerated individuals.

Work Release Facilities

Ahtanum View Work Release

- To date, 2 residents have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Weekly COVID-19 testing has been implemented for all residents and staff.

Peninsula Work Release

- To date, 1 resident has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Weekly COVID-19 testing has been implemented for all residents and staff.

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 yesterday and today:

- 12/23/2020 Memo to Work Release staff regarding N95 mandate.
- 12/23/2020 Memo to SCCC staff and incarcerated individuals regarding COVID-19 weekly update.
- 12/22/2020 Memos to <u>all staff</u> and <u>incarcerated individuals</u> regarding COVID-19 Vaccine Information and Update.
- 12/22/2020 Updated <u>PPE Matrix</u> distributed to all staff.

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