

Corrections' COVID-19 Bulletin

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Current Status

- Per policy [450.100 Mail for Individuals in Prison](#), “electronic messages will be distributed to an incarcerated individual within seven business days” excluding emergency situations. As of close of business on Friday, February 19, the longest standing, undelivered electronic message was dated February 11, 2021 for a total of five (5) business days. All prison facilities were within the policy guidelines.

Numbers at a Glance

- **1,106** Total Staff Cases to Date
- **14,882** December 2020 Total [Average Daily Population](#) of Incarcerated Individuals for Prison and Work Release Facilities
- **108** Total Active Incarcerated Cases
- **6,034** Total Recovered Incarcerated Cases
- **17th** out of 50 states for [number of positive cases](#) (Data from [covidprisonproject.com](#))
- **20th** out of 50 states for [cases as a percentage of the population](#) (Data from [covidprisonproject.com](#))

Topic of Interest

Recently, Corrections and the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) agreed that members of our incarcerated population that work directly in our health care, custodial, laundry and food service locations meet the COVID-19 Phase 1A prioritization being offered. Corrections has been approved to begin offering COVID-19 vaccination to individuals that work in the areas above based on the availability of vaccine provided from the State. Please note that availability of doses continues to be limited statewide, and the department’s ability to provide vaccine doses to staff and incarcerated individuals is dependent on having enough supply to do so.

Currently, the vaccine is being offered to DOC employees and incarcerated individuals who meet the [Washington State Department of Health \(DOH\) Phase 1A and 1B1 priority group](#) definitions based on vaccine availability. This applies to:

1. Any worker in a high risk health care setting, meaning any DOC employee or incarcerated individual working in a setting where care is being provided to confirmed or suspected COVID-19 patients and close contact with them is possible.
2. All DOC employees and incarcerated individuals aged 65 or older regardless of job duties or location.

For more vaccine related information, visit the Corrections’ COVID-19 [Frequently Asked Questions](#) webpage.

Prison Facilities

Airway Heights Corrections Center (AHCC)

- Number of new cases in last 30 days: 9
- Number of confirmed cases to date: 1,671

- Incarcerated individuals are able to participate in gym recreation in the main facility. Gym capacity is 25 individuals and individuals attend gym within their unit cohort group.
- The facility has been removed from outbreak status.

Monroe Correctional Complex (MCC)

- Number of new cases in last 30 days: 150
- Number of confirmed cases to date: 546

Stafford Creek Corrections Center (SCCC)

- Number of new cases in last 30 days: 119
- Number of confirmed cases to date: 1,200

Washington Corrections Center (WCC)

- Number of new cases in last 30 days: 41
- Number of confirmed cases to date: 972

Washington State Penitentiary (WSP)

- Number of new cases in last 30 days: 16
- Number of confirmed cases to date: 985
- The facility has been removed from outbreak status.

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 occurred in recent days:

- 2/19/2021 – Weekly update memos to staff and incarcerated individuals at WSP
 - [Memo to WSP Staff: Feb. 19, 2021 Weekly COVID-19 Update \(pdf\)](#)
 - [Memo to WSP Incarcerated Individuals: Weekly COVID-19 Update \(pdf\)](#)
- 2/19/2021 – Weekly update memos to staff and incarcerated individuals at MCC
 - [Memo to MCC Staff: Feb. 19, 2021 MCC Weekly COVID-19 Update \(pdf\)](#)
 - [Memo to MCC Incarcerated Individuals: MCC Weekly COVID-19 Update \(pdf\)](#)
- 2/19/2021 – Weekly update memos to staff and incarcerated individuals at AHCC
 - [Memo to AHCC Staff: Feb. 19, 2021 AHCC COVID-19 Update \(pdf\)](#)
 - [Memo to AHCC Incarcerated Individuals: AHCC COVID-19 Update \(pdf\)](#)
- 2/19/2021 – Memo to all staff and memo/FAQs to incarcerated regarding COVID-19 vaccine
 - [Memo to All Staff: COVID-19 Vaccine – Expanded Phase 1A Prioritization \(pdf\)](#)
 - [Memo to Incarcerated Individuals: COVID-19 Vaccine – Expanded Phase 1A Prioritization](#)
 - [Incarcerated Individual Vaccine FAQ - Version 3 \(pdf\)](#)

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