

Corrections' COVID-19 Bulletin

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Current Status

The Department of Corrections continues to be focused on mitigating the transmission of COVID-19 and regularly reviews and updates its protocols based on guidance from the Washington State Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control.

Numbers at a Glance

- **12,809** September 2021 Total [Average Daily Population](#) of Incarcerated Individuals for Prison and Work Release Facilities
- **2,111** Total Staff Cases have had COVID-19 to Date
- **6,829** Total Recovered Incarcerated Cases
- **81** Total Active Incarcerated Cases
- **86** Incarcerated Individuals in Medical Isolation
- **1,071** Incarcerated Individuals in Quarantine
- **9,918** Incarcerated Individuals have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine
- **19th** out of 50 states for [number of positive cases](#) (Data from [covidprisonproject.com](#))
- **21st** out of 50 states for [cases as a percentage of the population](#) (Data from [covidprisonproject.com](#))
- **40th** for [mortality rate of positive COVID-19 cases](#) out of the 44 states that report mortality rate data (Data from [covidprisonproject.com](#))

**This number includes Corrections Staff, Contract Staff, Office of the Ombuds and Disability Rights Washington who received vaccine doses from DOC and does not include those staff members who were vaccinated elsewhere.*

Clinical Corner

From the HQ COVID-19 Clinical Leadership Team

Once again there have been headlines highlighting another new COVID-19 variant, now named Omicron. The development of variants is a normal and expected outcome for a virus over time as it continues to spread in a population. Most of these variants come and go without much impact. Sometimes a new variant has an advantage over other strains or variants of the virus, which are referred to as Variants of Concern (VOC). Since the Omicron variant is quickly spreading in many places, there is concern that this means that Omicron can spread more easily than the current existing strains, including Delta. So far, there is no evidence that the Omicron variant causes more severe disease or that our current vaccines and medications will not work against it. However, since this is always the concern, scientists are quickly trying to learn more about this new variant while attempts are being made to temporarily slow the spread. The best ways to prevent getting COVID-19 have not changed and still include washing your hands, wearing your mask, trying to distance from others, and getting vaccinated!

Prison Facilities

Cedar Creek Corrections Center

- Facility has been removed from outbreak status
- Number of new cases in last 30 days: 71
- Number of confirmed cases to date: 95

Facility-Wide Outbreak

Monroe Correctional Complex

Twin Rivers Unit

- Number of new cases in last 30 days: 77
- Number of confirmed cases to date: 644

DOC's COVID-19 Response

Visit the [COVID-19 Significant Event Timeline](#), which 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.

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