



STATE OF WASHINGTON
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Dear Jail Directors and Commanders,

Today, Governor Inslee issued [Proclamation 20-80.1](#), prohibiting the transportation of individuals to state correctional facilities in an effort to assist the Washington State Department of Corrections in mitigating the spread of the COVID-19 virus in its facilities. The proclamation allows the agency to suspend the transfer of newly committed incarcerated individuals at the state's two reception centers – Washington Corrections Center (WCC) and Washington Corrections Center for Women (WCCW).

There will be a complete stop of these transfers until November 8, 2021. On that date, the Department will return to the routine two-week schedule. This means there will be no transfers from October 25, 2021 through November 7, 2021.

During the week of November 8, 2021, pickups will follow the regular schedule. For example, if the original pick-up date is Tuesday, October 26, 2021, the next pickup will be Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

The suspension does not apply to those who are being held on violations of community supervision. The Department will continue to move violators to contracted jails as necessary. The suspension applies to prison Drug Offender Sentencing Alternative (DOSA) returns, Community Corrections Prisons (CCP) returns and those newly sentenced to the Department by the Courts.

Per RCW 70.48.240, the Department will provide payment to the counties for any individual who is held during this time for more than eight days. The payment is \$98.40 per day. A billing form with instructions will be provided to you. The jail will not be responsible for intake assessments or correctional programming. These will be addressed when the individual is transferred to the Department's custody.

The Department appreciates your understanding and willingness to engage in problem solving. The Department continues to value the mutual partnership between our public safety agencies and the work we are doing to benefit our communities and state during these unprecedented times.

Best regards,

Sean Murphy
Deputy Secretary