

Department of Public Safety COVID-19 update for 10/12/20: Three more Saguaro inmates test positive, and weekend inmate testing totals

The Hawaii Department of Public Safety (PSD) has been notified that 3 more Hawaii inmates at the Saguaro Correctional Center in Eloy, Arizona tested positive for COVID-19. The first positive inmate case was confirmed on Friday. The three (3) were awaiting their test results which were received today. The four (4) inmates are being medically isolated. 262 Hawaii inmates in three (3) housing pods were placed on a precautionary 14-day quarantine. Saguaro nursing staff are doing daily temperature checks and monitoring the inmates for symptoms. No other Hawaii inmates at Saguaro have tested positive for COVID.

A Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) employee has reported a positive test result. The employee last worked 10/9/20. No WCCC inmates have reported symptoms. The Department is working with the Department of Health (DOH) on contact tracing. The facility staff sanitized the spaces where the employee worked.

PSD's Health Care Division is working with DOH, the Hawaii National Guard (HING) and community partners, to conduct mass testing for COVID-19 at all correctional facilities statewide. The Maui Community Correctional Center (MCCC) received 29 more negative staff result over the weekend. The Kauai Community Correctional Center (KCCC) has begun their inmate testing this week. Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF), Waiawa Correctional Facility (WCF) and the Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) have concluded their broad-based testing of staff and inmates. There were no inmates with confirmed active COVID-19 test results at these facilities.

The DOH testing of OCCC inmates is continuous. No new test results were received today. Over the weekend 46 inmate test results were received. Of the 46 results, three (3) were positive and 43 were negative. There are no inmates hospitalized. The number of active inmate cases dropped to just 16 and inmates who have recovered jumped from 359 to 382. All 42 OCCC staff results received over the weekend were negative. The total number of PSD staff who have recovered and returned to work increased to 100. Information on PSD's planning and response to COVID-19 can be found at: <http://dps.hawaii.gov/blog/2020/03/17/coronavirus-covid-19-information-and-resources/>.