Department of Public Safety COVID-19 update for 10/15/20: Three more Saguaro inmates test positive, and OCCC sees no new positive cases.

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 and 1 inmate test result was negative. The total number of inmates at Saguaro who have confirmed positive COVID cases is seven (7). They are in medical isolation. Eight (8) inmates pending test results are also in medical isolation and 810 inmates have been placed on a precautionary 14-day quarantine. Saguaro nursing staff are doing daily temperature checks and monitoring the inmates for symptoms.

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 Kauai Community Correctional Center (KCCC) has begun their inmate testing this week. The test results for 32 KCCC staff came in today. All 32 were negative.

The DOH testing of OCCC inmates is continuous. All 75 inmate test results were negative as well as the 23 staff results received. Over 95% of the inmates who had positive COVID cases have recovered. The total number of PSD staff who have recovered and returned to work is just over 83%. 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/.