

## **Department of Public Safety COVID-19 update for 10/26/20 – Mass testing to begin at Saguaro Correctional Center in Arizona**

The Hawaii Department of Public Safety (PSD) has directed CoreCivic to conduct mass testing of all Hawai'i inmates at their Saguaro Correctional Center (Saguaro) in Eloy, AZ. The broad-based testing being administered by CoreCivic Health Services staff will begin Thursday. The total number of Hawai'i inmates in medical isolation at Saguaro with active positive COVID cases is 52. There are seven (7) inmates in the hospital, ten (10) inmates with pending test results in medical isolation at the facility, and 741 inmates in a precautionary 14-day quarantine.

PSD's Health Care Division is working with DOH, the Hawai'i National Guard (HING) and community partners, to conduct mass testing for COVID-19 at all correctional facilities statewide. Negative test results were received over the weekend for 51 staff and one (1) inmate at the Hawaii Community Correctional Center, along with 15 staff from Kulani Correctional Facility. The DOH testing of Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) inmates is continuous. Of the 90 new inmate test results received over the weekend, three (3) were positive, 86 were negative and 1 was inconclusive. No new OCCC staff or inmate test results were received today. Additionally, 97% of inmates and 86% of staff who tested positive for COVID-19 have recovered. 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/>.