

Department of Public Safety COVID-19 update for 10/29/20 – Broad-based testing completed at the Saguaro Correctional Center in Arizona

Broad-based testing of Hawai'i inmates began today at the Saguaro Correctional Center in Eloy, AZ. The testing, administered by CoreCivic Health Services, was completed this afternoon for 1,011 inmates. Results are expected to take up to three (3) days to receive. The total number of Hawai'i inmates in medical isolation at Saguaro with active positive COVID cases is currently 61. There are six (6) inmates in the hospital (1 was removed from the hospital list after being added in error). The Hawai'i inmates with pending test results will remain in a precautionary 14-day quarantine until the results are received.

The Halawa Correctional Facility on Oahu reported a positive test result for one (1) employee. The employee last worked on 10/26/20. The Department of Public Safety (PSD) is working with DOH on contact tracing at the facility. DOH testing of O'ahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) inmates and staff is continuous. Of the 49 inmate test results received, one (1) was positive and 48 were negative. There are no OCCC inmates in the hospital. All 18 OCCC staff results received were negative. 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 other correctional facilities statewide. The Kauai Community Correctional Center received 26 negative staff re-test results. Additionally, 90% of PSD 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/>.