

Department of Public Safety COVID-19 update for 10/9/20: First positive COVID inmate case at Saguaro Correctional Center

The Hawaii Department of Public Safety (PSD) has been notified that one (1) Hawai'i inmate at the Saguaro Correctional Center in Eloy, Arizona tested positive for COVID-19. This is the first confirmed case for a Hawai'i inmate at the facility. Three (3) other Hawai'i inmates were tested and are awaiting test results. 264 Hawai'i 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.

PSD's Health Care Division is working with the Hawaii Department of Health (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 1 more negative staff result today and Halawa Correctional Facility received six (6) additional staff results that were also negative.

The continuous DOH testing of OCCC inmates returned 3 test results today. One (1) inmate result was positive and two (2) were negative. There are no inmates hospitalized. The number of inmates who have recovered jumped from 343 to 357. Of the two (2) OCCC staff results received, one (1) was negative and one (1) was positive. The number of PSD staff who have recovered and returned to work increased to 99. 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/>.