

Department of Public Safety COVID-19 Update for 11/2/20 Saguaro Correctional Center (AZ) Test Results Received and Statewide Inmate Mass Testing Continues

Broad-based testing of 1,011 Hawai'i inmates was completed Thursday at the Saguaro Correctional Center in Eloy, AZ. Of the 1,011 tested, 575 (57%) were negative, 317 (31%) were positive and 46 (5%) were inconclusive. There are 73 inmates results still pending. The total number of Hawai'i inmates in medical isolation at Saguaro with active positive COVID-19 cases is 378. There are six (6) inmates in the hospital. The rest of the Hawaii inmate population that tested negative and/or has a pending test is in a precautionary quarantine. Per CDC recommendations, all negative inmates will be retested in 3-7 days. There are currently 1,081 inmates housed at Saguaro.

The Hawaii Department of Public Safety (PSD) was notified that a staff member assigned to the Public Safety Personnel Office tested positive for COVID-19. The employee last worked on 10/29/20. The personnel office space and adjacent restrooms were sanitized. DOH is conducting contact tracing. PSD staff working in that area have been notified and encouraged to contact their health care providers if they have questions about possible exposure.

DOH testing of O'ahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) inmates and staff is continuous. Over the weekend there were 30 inmate test results received, with two (2) positive and 28 negative. There are no OCCC inmates in the hospital. All 43 OCCC staff results received over the weekend 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. There were no new staff or inmate results received today. 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/>.