Department of Public Safety COVID-19 Update for 11/20/20:
Mass Inmate Testing Continues
The Waiawa Correctional Facility reports 157 pending inmate test results have come in. Of that number, 87 were positive and 70 were negative. Including the eight (8) positive cases previously reported, there are now a total of 95 positive cases in medical isolation. The rest of the facility has been placed in quarantine. DOH is conducting contact tracing. All WCF staff are in full PPE and the warden previously halted all inmate movement Wednesday to prevent further transmission within the facility and to the other facilities.

Meanwhile, the surge testing of Hawai‘i inmates at the Saguaro Correctional Center in Eloy, AZ continues. The inmates with first-round negative test results are awaiting re-test results. The current test results of the entire Hawai‘i inmate population at Saguaro are broken down as follows:

Please note there are only 7 active positive cases. Of those, four (4) are hospitalized. A total of 99-percent of the inmate population is clear, but the negative inmates will remain in a precautionary quarantine while they undergo repeat surge testing. There are currently 1,079 inmates housed at Saguaro. The Department of Public Safety (PSD) has established an information hotline with recorded updates on the Saguaro testing at: 808-587-1421. For more information on PSD’s planning and response efforts to COVID-19: http://dps.hawaii.gov/blog/2020/03/17/coronavirus-covid-19-information-and-resources/.