

## **Department of Public Safety COVID-19 Update for 12/11/20:** **Inmate and Staff Testing Continues**

The Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF) testing of staff and inmates continues. Of 103 inmate test results received, 63 were positive and 40 were negative. The 55 staff test results included 6 additional positive cases and 49 negative cases. That brings the total active positive cases to 68 inmates and 21 staff. The positive inmates are in medical isolation. All positive staff are following CDC and DOH self-quarantine guidelines. As a precautionary measure the HCF warden implemented facility-wide isolation and quarantine protocols yesterday. These include suspending all inmate movement within the facility, as well as transfers to and from the facility, for at least 14 days.

Meanwhile, the test results for 38 Department of Public Safety (PSD) employees came back negative. PSD offered testing on Wednesday after an employee assigned to the Sheriff Division Administrative Staff reported a positive COVID-19 test result to the Department of Public Safety (PSD) Tuesday evening.

Surge testing of inmates and staff at facilities statewide is continuous. Waiawa Correctional Facility (WCF) reports 19 inmate test results. Of that number, 1 was positive and 18 were negative. All 12 WCF staff results were negative, and 23 Kauai Community Correctional Center staff results were also negative. 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/>.