Department of Public Safety COVID-19 Update for 12/21/20: Deputy Sheriff Tests Positive, Inmate and Staff Testing Continues

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) was notified that a deputy sheriff on Oahu reported a positive test result. The deputy last worked on 12/18/20 at Ka'ahumanu Hale (First Circuit Court). The Judiciary and DOH were notified. PSD staff working in that section were also notified and encouraged to contact their health care providers if they have any questions about possible exposure. DOH is conducting contact tracing.

The Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF) reported four (4) more inmate test results as part of surge testing efforts at the facility. There were two (2) positive and two (2) negative cases. There is also one (1) more positive HCF staff result reported. Surge testing, with the assistance of the Department of Health and Hawaii National Guard and Project Vision Hawaii, will continue until there are no new positive cases at the facility.

All other facilities that experienced outbreaks have brought their COVID-19 count under control. The Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) reported 12 negative inmate test results. There are currently only two (2) active positive inmates at OCCC. The Waiawa Correctional Facility has only six (6) active positive cases, including the one (1) remaining inmate in the hospital. The Saguaro Correctional Center in Eloy, AZ has four (4) active positive inmates remaining, including 3 inmates hospitalized. 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/](http://dps.hawaii.gov/blog/2020/03/17/coronavirus-covid-19-information-and-resources/).