

Department of Public Safety COVID-19 Update for 3/30/21

Statewide Inmate Testing Continues

COVID-19 testing is continuously being conducted statewide at all facilities. The Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) reports 202 negative test results from the facility-wide testing conducted on Monday by WCCC health care staff and the Hawaii National Guard. There was one (1) inmate who declined testing and was moved into medical isolation as a precaution. The facility enacted their pandemic protocol to quarantine the facility and suspend inmate movement on Friday after two (2) employees reported positive test results. The inmate movement suspension remains in effect today because all WCCC inmates are still under medical observation. If all continues to go well, internal movement is expected to resume within the week and movement outside the facility possibly next week. No WCCC inmates have reported symptoms.

"I want to thank the Department of Health for implementing immediate contact tracing and the Hawaii National Guard for coming into the facility on Monday to conduct all inmate testing in one day. I also want to thank my health care and security staff for quickly putting our pandemic plan in action. We couldn't have done this so fast without the efficient teamwork of all involved," said Eric Tanaka, WCCC Warden.

The Maui Community Correctional Center (MCCC) reports three (3) inmate recoveries which drops the active positive inmate total to five (5). There are no MCCC inmates in the hospital. The one (1) MCCC employee who was out due to COVID has been cleared to return to work. The Oahu Community Correctional center reports 31 negative inmate test result. 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/>.