

Department of Public Safety COVID-19 Update for 5/14/21

Additional Employees in Training Section COVID-19 Positive, Inmate Testing Continues Statewide

The Department of Public Safety confirms 12 more employees currently assigned to the Training and Staff Development (TSD) section have confirmed positive COVID-19 test results. The total positive cases are now 14. The first two (2) cases were confirmed on Wednesday. The Department of Health (DOH) is conducting contact tracing and voluntary testing is underway this morning for all TSD employees. The vaccine is also being offered for those who wish to get the shot. PSD continues to evaluate the situation, with the assistance of DOH, to determine next steps. A corrections recruit class graduation planned for today was postponed.

COVID-19 testing is continuously being conducted statewide at all facilities. There are currently no confirmed active COVID-19 cases in the inmate population. The Maui Community Correctional Center (MCCC) reports 127 test results. Of that number 126 were negative and one (1) is considered a non-active post-positive. PSD Health Care Division staff consulted with DOH and it was determined that the inmate is shedding old virus and is not contagious. The inmate will be added to the recovered list. MCCC also reported 13 negative staff test results.

The rest of the inmate test results received are as follows:

Oahu Community Correctional Center - 16 negative inmate test results

Halawa Correctional Facility – 3 negative inmate test results

Hawaii Community Correctional Center – 2 negative inmate test results

The Department of Public Safety continues to encourage all staff and inmates to voluntarily receive the COVID vaccination. 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/>.