

Department of Public Safety COVID-19 update for 9/30/20: Statewide mass-testing at all facilities underway

Staff testing at the Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF) continues this week with the help of the Hawaii National Guard. There were no new positive cases among the 32 additional HCF staff test results received today.

The Hawaii Department of Public Safety (PSD) Health Care Division is working with the Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) to conduct mass testing for COVID-19 at all correctional facilities statewide. The order of the facilities next in line for inmate testing is being worked out.

PSD and the DOH are continuing mass testing of OCCC inmates to mitigate virus spread in the incarcerated population. Of the 54 inmate results received, 15 were positive and 39 were negative. There are currently no inmates hospitalized. The total number of inmates who have recovered increased to 308. The 2 OCCC staff results received were both negative.

For more information on PSD's planning and response to COVID-19, testing data, and information detailing the efforts made to safeguard the inmates, staff and public, can be found at: <http://dps.hawaii.gov/blog/2020/03/17/coronavirus-covid-19-information-and-resources/>.