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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY COVID-19 INFORMATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL  
UPDATES (5/1/20)**

(HONOLULU) – There are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the prisons or jails.

**Jail Population Report**

From March 2 to May 1 there has been a substantial reduction in the jail population across the state. These reductions are due to the huge, up-front diversion efforts made by county police departments, PSD's Intake Services Center Division and the State Judiciary. More recent, additional reductions are due to the collaborative efforts of the state public defender's office, county prosecutors, the Hawai'i Supreme Court and the Supreme Court appointed Special Master, Judge Dan Foley.

Jail Population Report			Population Decrease
Facility (Operational Capacity)	2-Mar	1-May	
HCCC (226)	395	234	-161
KCCC (128)	143	85	-58
MCCC (301)	450	281	-169
OCCC (954)	1201	779	-422
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2189</b>	<b>1379</b>	<b>-810</b>

**Inmate Testing**

Currently, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the prisons or jails. The latest Inmate Testing Report can be found on our [PSD COVID-19 information and resources webpage](#).

**PSD Purchase of PPE**

The Department keeps a regular supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) for normal circumstances, but like all health care workers and first responders across the country, supply on hand was quickly depleting. To get ahead of the need, PSD submitted a large order for extra PPE which was received last week and was distributed to correctional facilities across the state.

Inmates in the sewing program at the Waiawa Correctional Facility (WCF) on O‘ahu and the Kulani Correctional Facility (KCF) and Hawai‘i Community Correctional Center (HCCC) on the Big Island of Hawai‘i, are producing as many as 4,400 cloth barrier masks a day. Masks made on Hawai‘i Island will be shipped to the Hawai‘i Correctional Industries’ (HCI) O‘ahu office for distribution, thanks to the support HCI is receiving from Aloha Air Cargo.

“We would like to extend a huge mahalo to our new partner Aloha Air Cargo. They graciously offered to ship completed masks from Hilo to O‘ahu free of charge, and we can’t thank them enough for offering their service to us during these trying times,” said Shawntay Yasuda, HCI operations manager.

HCI has also delivered 6,021 cloth masks to other State of Hawai‘i and federal agencies and are continuing to fill orders from other agencies for over 50,000 masks. They expect to be completed with these orders by the end of May.

HCI will expand to orders from the public early next week. Hawai‘i Correctional Industries can be reached at 808-677-6638 or by email at [psd.hawaii@hawaii.gov](mailto:psd.hawaii@hawaii.gov).

### **Donations Received**

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who has stepped up to donate various quantities of masks and other items to our corrections and law enforcement divisions.

This week PSD received a donation of 18,000 surgical grade paper masks from Every1ne Hawai‘i for the Corrections and Sheriffs Divisions and an additional 200 N95 masks from the United Public Workers Union for all Unit 10 and Unit 1 workers on Hawaii Island. An anonymous donor gave 52 custom made plastic face shields to the Public Safety Health Care Division. Several HCCC correctional officers generously donated 310 cloth masks, enough for every HCCC employee as well as the Hilo and Kona Sheriffs and Hawai‘i Police cellblock. Many current and retired adult corrections officers also donated materials, sewing machines and thread for workline inmates at HCCC to sew additional cloth masks for inmates.

To date, the Department has received 900 KN95 and N95 masks, 577 custom made plastic shields, 1,080 cloth masks and 24,300 surgical grade masks through the generosity of local businesses, other state agencies, non-profit groups, the public and PSD staff. Several facilities have also received public donations including various types of hand sanitizer, soap, sheets, bath towels, plastic barrier building supplies, and even crates of fresh produce.

For a full list of donations received so far and for more information on PSD’s response to COVID-19 and information detailing the efforts we have made to safeguard the inmates, staff and public, visit our webpage at:

<http://dps.hawaii.gov/blog/2020/03/17/coronavirus-covid-19-information-and-resources/>

Please sign up for PSD alerts and notifications through our AlertSense notification system by going to <https://hawaiiPSD.myfreealerts.com>. Residents can download the free AlertSense mobile app for Android and Apple devices, or text their zip code to 38276 to instantly sign up.

(Note: schedules and information included in this news release are subject to change at a moment’s notice as the overall situation and the State’s response to COVID-19 evolves day-by-day.)

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