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Maine Department of Corrections Confirms Third and Fourth Case of COVID-19

The Maine Department of Corrections (MDOC) today confirmed that two additional inmates at the Maine Correctional Center (MCC) in Windham tested positive for COVID-19. This is the third and fourth case of prisoners at MCC to be diagnosed with COVID-19.

The two inmates are both male, one in his early 40s the other in his late 60s. These individuals were tested as part of the MCC campus-wide testing that began May 19. This universal testing began in response to the first positive case confirmed on May 19. MDOC received confirmation from the state lab of these two new cases this afternoon. To date, 744 test samples have been collected from staff, inmates and contracted vendors. MDOC has received back all 283 staff tests, all of which are negative for COVID-19. All 461 inmates' samples have been returned with four positives. The four positive include: the two announced today, one announced on [May 22](#), and the first, announced [May 19](#).

The man in his 40s has been in MDOC custody since May 2016. The other man has been in MDOC custody since June 1998. No hospitalization has been required for either individual. Both men have been moved to an isolation unit, as is standard MDOC practice in response to COVID-19. In the coming days Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) and MDOC will discuss retesting.

The Department, in consultation with Maine CDC, is continuing [previously developed protocols](#), including contact tracing and restricted movement within the facility in response.

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