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**Maine Department of Corrections Releases Additional Results of Tests Received from MCC**

The Maine Department of Corrections (MDOC) announced today additional results from COVID-19 tests of staff and inmates from Maine Correctional Center (MCC).

Starting on May 19, MDOC has sent 484 samples to Maine CDC's Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory in Augusta.

MDOC has received the results for 221 of these tests. All 221 have come back negative for COVID-19. Of those, 120 samples were taken from inmates and 101 were taken from staff.

These statistics are inclusive of yesterday's results. Additional results on the remaining tests are expected over the next few days.

The Department is testing all staff, inmates, and contracted vendors who work on the Maine Correctional Center campus. The Department expects to have collected samples from all persons by Friday, May 22. Campus wide testing began on May 19, after a test of an inmate was [confirmed positive](#). This inmate remains in an isolation unit and has not required hospitalization.

As results are returned, MDOC will continue to evaluate its COVID-19 response plan, in close collaboration with Maine CDC, and make any appropriate adjustments to protect clients and staff.

The MDOC's [COVID-19 Dashboard](#), updated each weekday includes number of cases, tests, as well prisoner population. MDOC's previous press releases and statements are available on the [website](#). These public statements include the Department's plans and actions to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

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