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**Maine Department of Corrections Begins Second Round of Testing at MCC**

The Maine Department of Corrections (MDOC) announced today that it has begun a second round of testing for prisoners and staff at the Maine Correctional Center (MCC) in Windham as part of the Department's proactive effort to protect prisoners and staff in the wake of four positive COVID-19 diagnoses of inmates last week.

The Department anticipates retesting approximately 200 individuals per day until all staff, inmates and contracted vendors have been retested in consultation with the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC). MDOC anticipates results from the retesting to be returned within 24-72 hours.

Last week the Department initiated [universal testing](#) of all staff, inmates and contracted vendors on the MCC campus. The campus-wide testing began in response to the first inmate within the MDOC system to test positive for COVID-19 on [May 19](#).

On May 23 results of 744 test samples from MCC had been provided to MDOC. All 283 staff tests were negative for COVID-19. Of the 461 inmate samples taken during universal testing, 3 were positive for COVID-19. This does not include the first inmates who tested positive before universal testing began.

As part of this universal testing, MDOC obtained samples from an additional 26 individuals between May 24-26: 21 staff and 5 inmates. Results for these additional 26 have all come back negative.

The four individuals, all males, who have tested positive for COVID-19 remain in an isolation unit, as is the MDOC's standard practice in response to COVID-19. None of the men have required hospitalization.

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

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