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Maine Department of Corrections Announces COVID-19 in Staff Member at MCC

The Maine Department of Corrections (MDOC) today announced a probable case of COVID-19 in an employee at the Maine Correctional Center (MCC) in Windham, Maine. This probable case is in addition to the confirmed case in an employee at the Maine State Prison in Warren announced on Monday.

Per MDOC protocol, a sample has been sent for confirmation of COVID-19 through a PCR test. Following the initial test result, MCC staff, in coordination with Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC), began contact tracing and implemented a secure lockdown of the facility to reduce any possible additional exposures.

MCC has begun testing staff identified as having close contact with the individual who had the initial positive antigen test.

The MDOC is limited in releasing further information about this case in order to abide by privacy requirements. The Department wishes this employee a speedy recovery.

Update on Maine State Prison

More than 1,000 people associated with the Maine State Prison have been tested since universal testing began on Monday, October 19. Of the 428 results MDOC has received as of 10:00am today, one test associated with an employee has come back positive for COVID-19. This employee has not been onsite since Monday in keeping with MDOC policy, nor has the employee who first tested positive. MDOC anticipates receiving results on a rolling basis and will provide further information as it is available.

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