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Maine Department of Corrections Announces Results of Universal Testing at Long Creek Youth Development Center

The Maine Department of Corrections (MDOC) announced today that all returned results of samples taken during the campus-wide COVID-19 testing at Long Creek Youth Development Center (LCYDC) are negative.

On June 27, the MDOC began testing staff and residents on the LCYDC campus after a client who was releasing from the facility [tested positive](#). Earlier in the month, MDOC, in close consultation with the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) instituted [testing](#) of all clients prior to release, at admission, and universal testing of a facility if a client in that facility tests positive.

As part of the campus-wide testing at LCYDC, all 35 clients and 152 staff were tested. All client results have been negative except for the initial individual who is no longer at LCYDC. Results for 146 of these employees are negative, and results for the remaining six are pending.

LCYDC will continue to focus on precautionary measures to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 in the facility. Measures include increased use of PPE, medical monitoring, and limiting movement to units only. The residents occupy five units, each unit has between 4 and 13 clients. The units, which have an average of 11,000 square feet, include classroom and program space, tv and lounge space, video conferencing and use of phone, dining, socialization, and outdoor recreation.

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