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

The Maine Department of Corrections (MDOC) today announced that one employee at the Maine State Prison (MSP) in Warren, Maine has tested positive for COVID-19.

The MDOC employee received a positive antigen rapid test result on October 18 that was confirmed through a molecular test.

Following the initial result, MSP 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.

MSP will begin the process of universal testing today of all staff and residents of the facility. Testing is expected to last several days.

Since the onset of COVID-19, MDOC has had a total of five adult residents test positive, all incarcerated at the Maine Correctional Center in Windham, and one juvenile who was tested upon release from Long Creek Youth Detention Center in South Portland. Additionally, two other employees associated with the MDOC have tested positive since March. One was an employee associated with the Bolduc Correctional Facility in Warren, the other was associated with the Mountain View Correctional Facility in Charleston. Prior to today, the last confirmed positive case associated with MDOC was September 8, 2020.

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.

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