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Maine Department of Corrections Provides Updates on COVID-19 at MCC

The Maine Department of Corrections announced today that 12 inmates have tested positive for COVID-19 at the Maine Correctional Center (MCC) in Windham. These inmates were identified for testing as part of MCC's contact tracing following a symptomatic inmate yesterday. The inmates, who tested positive with the rapid antigen test and are awaiting confirmation from PCR tests, are being housed in a COVID unit at MCC per MDOC guidelines.

In addition, in consultation with the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC), MDOC has initiated universal rapid testing for all staff and inmates at MCC. Any positive results will be confirmed through the Maine Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory (HETL).

To stem transmission of the virus, MDOC has suspended visits to MCC and Maine State Prison, cancelled all intakes from county jails and cancelled transfer of inmates between MDOC facilities.

The Maine CDC continues its outbreak investigation at MCC.

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