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Maine Department of Corrections Provides Updates on COVID-19 Testing and Cases

The Maine Department of Corrections (MDOC) announced today two staff at the Long Creek Youth Development Center (LCYDC) in South Portland have tested positive for COVID-19.

The employees, who received positive rapid antigen test results, are awaiting confirmation through PCR testing.

As a result of these two cases, LCYDC, in consultation with Maine CDC, has initiated PCR testing of 10 residents who live together in one unit and approximately 120 staff, including contracted employees. The two employees are in isolation. Testing will continue throughout the week. Results are expected on a rolling basis.

Update on Maine Correctional Center (MCC)

Total staff positives since October: 13, with 6 recovered.

Total resident positive cases since October: 118, with 8 recovered.

MCC has completed a second round of facility-wide testing. Results show there are no new cases among the resident population outside the two units where the outbreak began.

Update on Maine State Prison (MSP)

Total staff positives since October: 3, with 2 recovered.

Total resident positives since October: 3.

MSP has completed a second round of facility-wide testing. Results confirm there are no new positive cases among staff or residents. It has been 8 days since MSP had a positive COVID-19 result. Retesting will continue among staff and residents connected to the unit that had the original outbreak.

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