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

Update from Long Creek Youth Development Center (LCYDC)

Following procedures established with the Maine CDC, MDOC is working to identify close contacts of an employee of LCYDC who tested positive for COVID-19 this afternoon through a rapid antigen test. This employee has not been onsite since November 17 and is currently isolating.

It remains to be determined whether this positive case is connected to two employees whose positive test results were made public November 10. Initial results from the testing as part of these two cases did not show any additional cases of COVID-19.

Update from Mountain View Correctional Facility (MVCF)

During the last two weeks, two employees of MVCF in Charleston have tested positive for COVID-19. Twenty residents and 15 staff of MVCF were tested for COVID-19 as a result of the first staff positive. Results from both the rapid antigen test and PCR test have returned negative for COVID-19 for all 35 tested.

The second employee who received a positive rapid antigen test result, is awaiting confirmation through PCR testing. This employee had limited interaction with other staff and limited interaction with residents of the facility. However, MVCF, in consultation with Maine CDC, initiated rapid antigen testing of 40 residents and 6 staff out of an abundance of caution. Results for all 46 were negative for COVID-19.

Update from Maine Correctional Center (MCC)

Since late October, when the MCC outbreak began, a total of 13 employees have tested positive for COVID-19. 11 of these employees have now recovered.

Among the resident population, 143 individuals, all of whom reside within two specific housing units in MCC, have tested positive for COVID-19 since the start of the outbreak. Of these, 111 have recovered.

Results from multiple rounds of testing have confirmed that the outbreak remains contained to two specific housing units within the facility. In consultation with the Maine CDC, testing among residents and employees will wind down next week. MCC's most recent positive COVID-19 test, as a result of rapid antigen testing, came from a resident within the afore mentioned housing unit on Monday, November 16.

Update from Maine State Prison (MSP)

Since an outbreak at MSP began in late October, a total of 3 residents and 4 staff have been confirmed positive for COVID-19. Each resident has recovered, and 2 of the 4 staff have recovered from COVID-19. The residents lived within the same unit at the facility.

MSP has completed numerous rounds of facility-wide testing. Results confirm there are no new positive cases among staff or residents.

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