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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 two additional employees of LCYDC who tested positive for COVID-19 through a rapid antigen test.

The employees, who tested positive on Saturday, November 28 and today, Monday, November 30, are awaiting confirmation from PCR tests. Testing of staff will continue throughout the week. All residents of LCYDC have been tested for COVID-19. Results returned thus far from the resident population have been negative.

The Maine CDC has opened an outbreak investigation.

Including the two cases announced today LCYDC has had a total of nine staff test positive since early November. Thus far, two staff have recovered.

Update from Maine State Prison (MSP)

Today the Maine CDC will close the outbreak at the Maine State Prison that began in late October. In total, three residents and four staff of MSP were confirmed positive for COVID-19. All have recovered.

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