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**Maine Department of Corrections Announces Universal Testing at Long Creek Youth Development Center**

The Maine Department of Corrections (MDOC) announced today it has initiated universal COVID-19 testing of staff and residents, including individuals detained and committed, at Long Creek Youth Development Center (LCYDC). The decision to initiate universal testing came in consultation with the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) after a client who was releasing from the facility tested positive for COVID-19.

The minor, who was asymptomatic for the duration of their detainment at LCYDC, was tested on June 26 ahead of their scheduled release into the community that day. The MDOC adopted testing at release as standard protocol on [June 17](#). The client was released shortly after being tested. The sample was sent to Maine CDC's Health and Environmental Testing Lab and MDOC was notified of the positive result on June 27. That same day, MDOC notified the client who is now self-quarantining.

In addition to campus-wide testing, LCYDC has implemented MDOC's Phase 3 restrictions to mitigate any potential spread of COVID-19. This includes increased use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and medical monitoring. Currently, all other staff and clients are asymptomatic.

MDOC will announce the results of the tests when completed.

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