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DAFS Assists Maine CDC With Outbreak Investigation Associated with DAFS Employees

AUGUSTA, Maine (October 8, 2020) – The Department of Administrative and Financial Services (DAFS) announced today that it is assisting with an outbreak investigation by the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) related to four confirmed cases and one probable case of COVID-19 among employees of DAFS’s Property Management Division.

A first positive case of COVID-19 was reported on September 29, 2020 by an employee who had last been at work on September 24. Immediately, the employee isolated and, out of an abundance of caution, DAFS sent home all potentially impacted employees while the Maine CDC commenced contact tracing.

Ultimately, 18 employees quarantined for a 14-day period, three of whom tested positive for COVID-19 during the course of their quarantine, triggering an outbreak investigation by the Maine CDC. In total, four employees have tested positive for COVID-19 and all remain in isolation. DAFS wishes them a speedy recovery.

Of the 15 employees without positive diagnoses, seven have completed the 14-day quarantine period, have received a negative test result, and have returned to work. Eight employees are still in the midst of their quarantine period and one of these employees is considered a probable positive case; the Maine CDC is in regular contact with these individuals.

In order to abide by privacy requirements, DAFS is limited in releasing further information about the employees.

The facility utilized by the Property Management Division is not public-facing and has undergone a thorough cleaning. The Maine CDC has already reached out to close contacts to advise them to quarantine. If you have not been contacted by the Maine CDC, then you were determined not to be a close contact and you do not need to self-quarantine.

All DAFS facilities have robust COVID-19 precautions in place with social distancing and face coverings required for all employees. Measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 should be taken seriously regardless of the setting, including maintaining physical distance, wearing a face covering, staying home if feeling unwell and speaking to your health care provider if you experience symptoms consistent with COVID-19, such as shortness of breath, fever and cough.

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