Department of Public Safety COVID-19 update for 10/19/20

The Hawai'i Department of Public Safety (PSD) has been notified that 15 more Hawai'i inmates at the Saguaro Correctional Center (Saguaro) in Eloy, Arizona tested positive for COVID-19. The total number of inmates in medical isolation at Saguaro with confirmed positive COVID cases is 25. Seven (7) inmates with pending test results are also in medical isolation and 789 inmates are in a precautionary 14-day quarantine. Saguaro nursing staff are doing daily temperature checks and monitoring the inmates for symptoms.

PSD's Health Care Division is working with DOH, the Hawai'i National Guard (HING) and community partners, to conduct mass testing for COVID-19 at all correctional facilities statewide. Inmate testing is underway at the Maui Community Correctional Center (MCCC) and the Kauai Community Correctional Center (KCCC). The DOH testing of Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) inmates is continuous. Over the weekend 52 inmate test results were received. Of the 52, only one (1) was positive and 51 were negative. There were no staff or inmate results received today. Additionally, 97% of inmates and 86% of staff who tested positive for COVID-19 have recovered. Information on PSD's planning and response to COVID-19 can be found at: http://dps.hawaii.gov/blog/2020/03/17/coronavirus-covid-19-information-and-resources/.