

Department of Public Safety:

Hawai'i Inmate Dies at Saguaro Correctional Center (AZ), Mass Inmate Testing Continues

A male Saguaro Correctional Center inmate from Hawai'i died at an Arizona hospital on Tuesday. He was between 60-69 years old with underlying medical conditions. This is the first death of a Hawai'i inmate identified in medical examiner's reports as a COVID-19-related death.

Meanwhile, results are still pending for 78 Waiawa Correctional Facility (WCF) inmates who may have had close contact with the eight (8) positive inmates reported yesterday. All WCF staff are in full PPE and the warden halted all inmate movement yesterday to prevent further transmission within the facility and to other facilities. The Halawa Correctional Facility identified two recent transfers from WCF. Both were tested and one result came back positive while the other was negative. The positive inmate was already in a transfer-related quarantine. DOH is conducting contact tracing at both facilities.

DOH testing of O'ahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) inmates and staff is also ongoing. Of the five (5) OCCC inmate test results received, four (4) were negative and one (1) was inconclusive. There are no OCCC inmates in the hospital. 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 other correctional facilities statewide. All 19 staff re-testing results at the Kauai Community Correctional Center (KCCC) were negative. Additionally, 91% of PSD staff who tested positive for COVID-19 have recovered. For more information on PSD's planning and response efforts to COVID-19:

<http://dps.hawaii.gov/blog/2020/03/17/coronavirus-covid-19-information-and-resources/>.