

Department of Public Safety COVID-19 Update for 12/8/20:

Mass Inmate Testing Continues, Over 90% Recovery Rate for Inmates and Staff

The Waiawa Correctional Facility (WCF) surge testing is ongoing. Of the 21 inmate test results received today, 19 were negative and 2 were positive. An additional 6 WCF inmates have recovered increasing the total recoveries to 148 and bringing the active positive inmate cases down to 64, with 2 inmates hospitalized. All WCF staff who tested positive have recovered and been cleared to return work.

DOH testing of O'ahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) inmates and staff is continuous. Of the five (5) OCCC inmate test results received, four (4) were negative and one (1) was positive. There are no OCCC inmates in the hospital. The one (1) OCCC staff result was negative. Meanwhile, one (1) Halawa Correctional Facility employee reported a positive test result. The employee last worked on 12/5/20. The department is working with DOH on contact tracing. **Overall, 93% of PSD staff and 91% of all Hawaii inmates who tested positive 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/>.