

Department of Public Safety COVID-19 update for 10/1/20: Statewide mass-testing at all facilities underway

Staff testing at the Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF) continues this week with the help of the Hawaii National Guard. There were no new positive cases among the 16 additional HCF staff test results received today.

The Hawaii Department of Public Safety (PSD) Health Care Division is working with the Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) to conduct mass testing for COVID-19 at all correctional facilities statewide. The order of the facilities next in line for inmate testing is still being worked out. PSD and the DOH are continuing mass testing of OCCC inmates to mitigate virus spread in the incarcerated population. Of the 120 inmate results received, 19 were positive and 101 were negative. There are currently no inmates hospitalized. The number of inmates who have recovered increased to 309. Of the 28 OCCC staff results received, 2 were positive and 26 were negative. The number of staff recoveries jumped to 88.

For more information on PSD's planning and response to COVID-19, testing data, and information detailing the efforts made to safeguard the inmates, staff and public, can be found at: <http://dps.hawaii.gov/blog/2020/03/17/coronavirus-covid-19-information-and-resources/>.