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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY COVID-19 UPDATE

HONOLULU – Effective September 2, 2021, the Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA) will require eligible inmates to be fully vaccinated prior to their release on parole. The Department of Public Safety (PSD) Health Care Division staff will provide the vaccine for those unvaccinated inmates who elect to get the shot. Exemption from vaccination may be granted (1) due to a medical condition that contraindicates administration of the COVID-19 vaccine or (2) due to religious belief, practice, or observance. Requests for exemptions will be reviewed by the HPA on a case-by-case basis and if granted, the parolee must present a negative test result on a weekly basis once released into the community.

“I am confident that this requirement will help reduce the spread of infection within the correctional facilities, and safeguard our businesses, families and the community at large,” said Edmund “Fred” Hyun, Hawaii Paroling Authority Chair.

COVID-19 testing is continuously being conducted in the state prisons and jails as well as in the contracted Saguaro Correctional Center in Eloy, AZ. The Department of Public Safety (PSD) continues to encourage all staff and inmates to voluntarily get tested and receive the COVID-19 vaccination. The latest testing updates received for the correctional facilities are as follows:

Oahu Community Correctional Center – 29 inmate test results: Six (6) positive, 23 negative. There were also 42 inmate recoveries noted, decreasing the total active positive inmate case count to 65. One (1) employee has also recovered.

Halawa Correctional Facility – 204 inmate test results: Three (3) positive, 201 negative.

Maui Community Correctional Center – 118 inmate test results: One (1) positive, 117 negative.

Hawaii Community Correctional Center – One (1) positive inmate test result.

Women’s Community Correctional Center – Eight (8) negative inmate test results.

For more detailed inmate testing data, PSD's Pandemic Plan and information on response efforts made to safeguard the inmates, staff and public, visit the dedicated COVID-19 webpage at: <http://dps.hawaii.gov/blog/2020/03/17/coronavirus-covid-19-information-and-resources/>.

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