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Maine Department of Corrections Confirms Second Case of COVID-19

The Maine Department of Corrections (MDOC) today confirmed that a prisoner at the Maine Correctional Center (MCC) in Windham tested positive for COVID-19. This is the second case of a MDOC prisoner to be diagnosed with COVID-19.

The male inmate in his 30s was tested as part of the MCC campus wide testing that began May 19. The universal testing began in response to the first positive case confirmed on May 19. MDOC received confirmation from the state lab of this second positive case late this afternoon. To date, more than 700 test samples have been collected from staff, inmates and contracted vendors. MDOC has received back nearly 600 results, all but two negative.

The Department, in consultation with the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC), has initiated previously developed protocols, including contact tracing in response.

The individual who has been in MDOC custody since March 2, 2018 has been moved to an isolation unit, as is standard MDOC practice in response to COVID-19. The individual has not required hospitalization.

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