

COVID-19 Update - June 18, 2020

Hi all-

This afternoon we received word that a staff member at ISCC tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member last worked on June 11th, and we believe we were fortunate in that there was no known exposure to the population in custody and minimal exposure to staff. The staff members who may have been exposed have been notified by HR and directed to self-quarantine and take appropriate precautions while monitoring for symptoms. The affected staff member is recovering at home, and I'm sure all of you join me in wishing them a fast and full recovery.

89 IDOC staff members have reported being tested for COVID-19. Of those, 82 tested negative, 1 test is pending, and with today's news, a total of 6 have tested positive.

This latest case is a somber reminder that we're not out of the woods. In fact, today marked the highest single-day total of positive cases in Idaho since April 9th. The total number of cases in Idaho now tops 3,473, and over 1,000 of those cases originated in Ada County. Please take appropriate precautions to keep yourself and those around you safe! Practice good hygiene and wash your hands frequently. Practice good social distancing and wear a cloth face covering or mask when physical distancing isn't possible. All of us share in the responsibility to make sure COVID-fatigue doesn't open the door for COVID-19 to enter our system.

Please take care of yourself and keep looking out for each other!

Thanks-
Josh