

COVID-19 Update 7.14.2020

Hello everyone,

First let me offer an official congratulations to the 27 correctional officers who were sworn in yesterday following the completion of MTC 3.20 academy! Most of these folks have been working in one of our facilities for several months now and completed an atypical academy due to COVID-related adjustments that had to be made. Despite the unusual circumstances, the graduates stayed positive and received their badges yesterday. We're excited to have you join our team!

Now, on to the COVID updates for today.

Staff Testing and Results – The results from last week's staff testing event are in and we identified 9 asymptomatic positive staff out of 169 samples that were processed. Two of those positives were people who had previously tested positive, so those are not new cases. Today, we held another staff testing event at ISCC and tested 96 more staff. On Thursday, we'll begin testing staff at SICI. Thanks again to the folks who are helping coordinate staff testing and making sure everything runs smoothly. A special thank you to Cheryl Iseri (Central Office) and Kim King (SICI) who have stepped up to be co-leaders of our tent testing teams!

We currently have 68 staff who are out of work due to a positive COVID test. The COVID tracker on our external website now includes known staff testing numbers by facility.

Incarcerated Population Testing – A resident at the Nampa CRC reported symptoms and tested positive today. He has been moved to the "symptomatic positive" housing area at ISCC so that he can receive any needed medical care. People who have had close contact with him have been placed in quarantine and will be PCR tested.

As a result of the first positive case identified at SAWC yesterday, we have placed the entire work unit in quarantine and are conducting PCR testing.

Mass testing for the remainder of ISCC – blocks A, D, and F – is being scheduled within the next week. Our testing has slowed down a bit at ISCC due to staff shortages. We anticipate completing our final round of mass testing at ISCC shortly, with the intention of beginning mass testing at SICI next week.

Our totals now stand at: 1,610 tested, 96 pending, 820 negative, 44 positive, 641 asymptomatic positive, and 9 inactive.

Thank you for all you're doing to keep everyone safe and healthy!

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