

COVID-19 Update 08.12.2020

Hello everyone,

Let's start with a little non-COVID news tonight. We had two women walk away from our East Boise CRC last night and both were back in custody by early this morning. Thank you to EBCRC and fugitive recovery staff for your efforts to quickly manage the situation!

Staff Testing – We have one new staff member who tested positive today, and that's the first staff case out of St. Anthony Work Center. The staffer last worked on 8/9 and other staff who may have been exposed have been notified. This brings our grand total to 99 IDOC staff who have tested positive for COVID at some point in the pandemic.

Incarcerated Persons Testing – We continued with mass testing of G block at ISCC today. Tomorrow, we will be testing all of F block at ISCC and the TVCRC. As of today, we have conducted 4,139 tests, and have the following results: 79 pending, 2,979 negative, 63 positive with symptoms, 258 asymptomatic positive, and 760 are inactive (i.e., either medically-cleared or no longer in custody).

We remain at 2 positives in Eagle Pass, TX out of the 19 tests taken. The other 17 tests were negative.

Time Off – I'd like to acknowledge that the pandemic has turned the world upside down in many ways and our challenge is to define what the "new normal" looks like. Being in crisis mode all, every day, for months can certainly wear people down. You might recognize it in yourself with sleep disturbances, shorter tempers, or a sense of heightened anxiety. You might also see these things happening in others. We often talk about corrections fatigue and the generally tough environment we work in, but the pandemic adds a new dimension to that, so I'm urging each of you to find ways to get away from work on your days off. Turn off the email. Step away from the text messages. Find ways to recharge your batteries. And remember, we have the [Employee Assistance Program](#) should you need additional support now or in the future.

Please take care of yourselves and each other!

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