

COVID-19 Update 08.13.2020

Hello everyone,

The big news for today is not COVID-related. Today, we welcome 27 graduates from the MTC challenge academy into our ranks. Class president Anthony McLeod offered up wise words when he described the correctional officer's job as one of wearing multiple hats but always oriented toward helping people find opportunities to be successful. I couldn't agree more! Welcome aboard!

And now to our COVID updates for the day.

Staff testing – We tested 11 staff at TVCRC today. No new staff cases to report today; we remain at 99 IDOC positives.

Incarcerated individuals testing – We completed testing of 63 residents at TVCRC and 253 from B and F block at ISCC. Results from our testing of G block at ISCC earlier this week just came in and we have learned that of the 264 tests taken, 3 need to be rerun due to issues with the samples, and we have identified 11 positives, and 250 negatives. For those of you keeping track, that means we have completed mass testing in the following facilities at this point: ISCC, SICI, SAWC, Nampa CRC, East Boise CRC, and Treasure Valley CRC. Next week, we are planning to test CAPP and several units at ISCI. Of course, testing plans are subject to change if the dynamics on the ground shift (e.g., people become symptomatic in an area we have not yet tested).

This brings our total tests to 4,165, 104 pending, 2,979 negative, 63 positive with symptoms, 258 asymptomatic positive, and 761 inactive (i.e., people who have previously tested positive but are no longer in custody or have been medically-cleared). Tests that were taken today weren't completed in time to log them on the daily numbers but you'll see them added tomorrow.

We also received word today that we had a third person test positive at the Eagle Pass, TX facility. Housing unit Alpha 1 is under quarantine as a result.

That's all for today. Please take care of yourself and each other. Tomorrow's message will be coming from Chief of Staff, Christine Starr, so be on the lookout.

Best,
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