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COVID-19 Testing More than Halfway Complete at DOC Institutions

Virus Recovery Numbers Very High

MADISON -- As the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) continues to test all people and staff at its facilities, updated numbers show a vast majority of those diagnosed with COVID-19 in DOC institutions have recovered.

The department's [COVID-19 dashboard](#), updated every weekday on its website, showed just three active cases of the virus in staff members at the end of the day on June 19 and just six active cases among those housed at DOC institutions.

Here is a breakdown of the testing numbers for those in DOC care:

- 12,552 total tests administered
- 268 positive cases
- 261 recovered positive cases
- 6 active positive cases
- 1 released positive case (tested positive before scheduled release date)

And here is a breakdown of testing for DOC staff:

- 66 positive cases
- 63 recovered cases
- 3 active positive cases

“The entire DOC staff and especially our Emergency Operations Center team took proactive steps to protect both staff members and the persons in our care,” said DOC Secretary Kevin Carr. “These latest numbers reflect the tremendous job they have done, so far.”

The DOC coordinated with the Department of Health Services and the Wisconsin National Guard to begin testing all staff and persons in our care on May 12. By the end of the day on June 19, mass testing was completed at 22 of DOC's 37 facilities.

As testing continues, the DOC is continuing to add video visit capabilities to help people in its care stay connected to loved ones while visitation policies are suspended during the pandemic. Currently, video visitation is already underway at:

Green Bay Correctional Institution
Racine Youthful Offender Correctional Facility
Sanger Powers Correctional Center

Columbia Correctional Institution
Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution
Lincoln Hills School/Copper Lake School

Video visitation has been especially successful at the schools, where youth have conducted 723 Zoom calls with family members since March 26.

By the end of June, visitation is scheduled to be available at:

Chippewa Valley Correctional Treatment Facility
John Burke Correctional Center
Milwaukee Women's Correctional Center
Racine Correctional Institution
Redgranite Correctional Institution
Wisconsin Secure Program Facility

Fox Lake Correctional Institution
Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution
New Lisbon Correctional Institution
Robert E. Ellsworth Correctional Center
Taycheedah Correctional Institution

While expanding video visitation, DOC institutions have started working with local health officials and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services on a date to safely resume in-person visits.

More information is available on video visitation and plans for resuming in-person visits in the FAQ section of the [DOC's COVID-19 page](#), in the section titled Operational Changes and Observations.