

DC Department of Corrections reports new positive cases of COVID-19

The DC Department of Corrections (DC DOC) has been notified that four additional residents in DOC custody have tested positive for COVID-19. A total of 29 residents who tested positive are in isolation and 147 individuals who recovered from their illness have been returned to the general population.

Information on the new positive cases:

- 25 year old male;
- 27 year old male;
- 39 year old male; and
- 44 year old male.

The residents were housed at the Central Detention Facility. They are currently in isolation and being monitored by medical staff according to guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and DC Health.

Four residents who had previously tested positive are currently at a local hospital for further observation and treatment. Four residents who were in isolation after testing positive were released at the end of their sentence. Those residents were provided personal protective equipment (PPE) and medical information on how to self-isolate for the remainder of their isolation period. If they were unable to self-isolate at their residence, they were referred to the Department of Human Services for temporary housing at an isolation and quarantine site.

The DC DOC's Medical Department and Unity Healthcare use the CDC's "Interim Guidance on Management of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Correctional and Detention Facilities" to determine if a resident is cleared to be released from isolation and returned to the general population.

This determination requires the resident to be free from fever for at least 72 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications; improvements in the resident's other symptoms, such as coughing and shortness of breath; and at least 10 days have passed since the first symptoms appeared.

DC DOC's Medical Department and Unity Healthcare are working with DC Health on contact tracing and to protect the health and wellbeing of all individuals in DOC's facilities.

Take care of yourself and one another. If you feel sick, do not come to work. Your health and safety are our top priority.

For more information on the District's response to COVID-19, visit <https://coronavirus.dc.gov> .

And for the most up-to-date data on the coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit: <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/page/public-safety-agency-covid-19-case-data>.