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**Staff Members Test Positive
Northwest State Correctional Facility Full Lockdown**

Waterbury, Vt., April 6, 2020 – The Vermont Department of Corrections announced earlier today that a second staff member at Northwest State Correctional Facility in Swanton, Vt had fallen ill with COVID-19 like symptoms. The staff member was found to be positive for COVID-19 today. This staff member was last at the facility on March 26 and began to show symptoms on March 28, within the 48- hour period when risk of transmission is thought to be greatest.

The DOC is now announcing that a third staff member at Northwest State Correctional Facility has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. This person was last in the facility on Friday, April 3. As a result, the facility has now moved to a full lockdown in an effort to mitigate further exposure risks for both staff and inmates.

A full lockdown is a controlled measure to mitigate any further spread of the virus throughout the facility. Inmates will remain in their cells, essential services, meals, and medication will be brought to them and movement will be restricted except for emergency and hygiene purposes.

With this new information the Department now has a total of four staff who have tested positive for COVID-19.

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