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INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL, STAFF MEMBERS TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Positive cases detected at Northeast Correctional Complex, Southern State and Marble Valley Regional Correctional Facilities

Waterbury, Vt., January 14, 2021 – An incarcerated individual at Northeast Correctional Complex (NECC), two staff members at Southern State Correctional Facility (SSCF), and one staff member at Marble Valley Regional Correctional Facility (MVRCF) tested positive for COVID-19 this week.

Vermont DOC and Vermont Department of Health (Health) officials immediately took the following actions as standard operating procedure upon receipt of the positive test results Wednesday and Thursday:

- Contact tracing initiated with the Rapid Response Team.
- NECC and SSCF placed on full lockdown pending contact tracing results. Both facilities have now returned to modified lockdown. Contact tracing at MVRCF showed no risk to the incarcerated population, and that facility remains on modified lockdown.
- Staff identified through contact tracing as having close contact with the positive individuals are quarantining. Incarcerated individuals identified as having close contact with the positive individual are also in quarantine.

In total, 41 staff members and 244 incarcerated individuals have tested positive for COVID-19 since March 2020. The incarcerated individuals include the Vermont population at Tallahatchie County Correctional Facility in Tutwiler, Miss.

Daily updates on the COVID-19 response in Vermont's correctional facilities can be found at <https://doc.vermont.gov/covid-19-information-page>.

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