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NORTHERN STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY: COVID TESTING UPDATE

*Testing returns 12 new positive cases in Newport;
135 cases medically cleared from isolation*

Waterbury, Vt., March 17, 2021 – Vermont Department of Corrections (Vermont DOC) is reporting 10 new cases of Covid-19 among incarcerated individuals and two new staff cases in the outbreak at Northern State Correctional Facility (NSCF) in Newport. The cases were detected in testing conducted March 15.

The outbreak began after one staff member and 21 incarcerated individuals tested positive for the virus in testing conducted February 23, 2021. There are currently 40 positive incarcerated cases and 6 positive staff cases at the facility.

At NSCF 135 prior positive individuals have been medically cleared to leave isolation, which means they are no longer considered Covid-positive or exhibiting symptoms of the virus. The entire facility is being tested again Thursday and has been in full lockdown since receipt of the first positive results on February 25.

As of Wednesday, a total of 10 staff and 41 incarcerated individuals statewide are positive for the virus.

Families and friends of incarcerated individuals are encouraged to reach out to the Vermont DOC Office of Constituency Services with questions: <https://doc.vermont.gov/information-inmate-families-and-friends>. [Click here for the direct link to the online Friends and Family portal.](#)

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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