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NO NEW CASES FOUND IN THIRD ROUND OF VTDOC MASS COVID-19 TESTING

All in- and out-of-state facilities clear of COVID-19

Waterbury, Vt., October 19, 2020 – The third round of mass testing for all Vermont facilities showed no new positive cases of COVID-19 among the more than 2,000 Vermont staff and inmates tested. The testing schedule included the six in-state facilities and Tallahatchie County Correctional Facility (TCCF) in Tutwiler, Mississippi.

This latest round of testing was conducted as part of Vermont DOC and Vermont Health Department’s plan to test all Vermont facilities on a rotating basis. The fourth round of mass testing began Monday, October 19, at Northwest State Correctional Facility.

“I’m deeply appreciative of the effort and hard work of Vermont DOC staff in keeping our facilities clean,” said Commissioner Jim Baker. “This is not a time to let our guard down. Our approach of ‘testing to suppress’ is saving lives, and I am grateful for the sacrifice Vermont DOC staff are making every day to ensure we see results like this.”

As of October 19, 204 Vermont inmates are housed at Tallahatchie County Correctional Facility. Seven inmates left TCCF on October 19 and will arrive at Marble Valley Regional Correctional Facility in Rutland on October 20.

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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