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### **Department of Corrections Inmate Tests Positive for COVID-19**

**4/26/2020 (Anchorage)** – The Department of Corrections (DOC) received confirmation at approximately 2100 hours on 4/25/2020 that an inmate at Goose Creek Correctional Center (GCCC) in Wasilla has tested positive for COVID-19. This is the first inmate within DOC who has tested positive for the virus.

Upon notification, DOC and GCCC staff immediately began working with the Alaska Section of Epidemiology and public health officials to facilitate the contact investigation. The offender has been in isolation since 4/19/2020.

To date, GCCC has tested four inmates, with one positive result, one negative result and two pending. As of Friday evening, DOC has administered 63 tests to inmates statewide, with one positive, 54 negative, and eight pending. Note that the statewide numbers are inclusive of testing administered at Goose Creek.

Staff and inmates were notified of the positive in the facility late last night.

GCCC continues to implement the DOC response plan and take swift action to protect the health and welfare of inmates and staff at the facility. This is an ongoing investigation and additional information will become available in the coming days.

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