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Update on mass testing in DOC facilities

PIERRE, S.D.- The South Dakota Department of Corrections and Department of Health are continuing to mass test facilities.

To date, 249 inmates and staff members at the Women's facility in Pierre have recovered. There are just 10 remaining active cases. Three rounds of mass testing were conducted last month at the facility in Pierre.

Mass testing was also conducted at the Mike Durfee State Prison (MDSP) in Springfield this week. A total of 127 inmates tested positive for COVID-19 with 22 inmates testing negative. The inmates who tested positive have been isolated.

All education, inmate skills training and work programs on the MDSP campus have been temporarily suspended. All inmate transfers to and from the facility are also temporarily suspended at this time.

Testing numbers will be reflected in the tally that is updated on the DOC website at doc.sd.gov/about/Coronavirus.aspx.

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