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Update on mass testing in DOC facilities

PIERRE, S.D.- The South Dakota Department of Corrections (DOC) and Department of Health are continuing to conduct mass testing at all DOC facilities, with sentinel testing to follow.

Testing began this week for inmates at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls and continued for inmates at the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield. Additional testing will occur at both facilities through the week.

Testing numbers will continue to be reflected in the daily tally that is updated Monday-Friday on the DOC website at <https://doc.sd.gov/about/Coronavirus.aspx>.

DOH and DOC are developing a plan to sentinel test 5-percent of the asymptomatic inmates and staff in the DOC facilities each month. Testing would be done on a weekly basis in order to reach the desired number. Staff members and inmates that previously tested positive would not be included in the sentinel testing.

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