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Press Release

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Department of Corrections announces COVID-19 cases at Warm Springs Correctional Center

Carson City, NV -- Ninety-three offenders and seven staff members from Warm Springs Correctional Center (WSCC) in Carson City have tested positive for COVID-19, according to lab results received by the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) late Thursday.

Additionally, two staff members at other NDOC facilities have also tested positive for the virus through Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing.

At this time, Warm Springs Correctional Center is in lockdown, with meals being delivered to each unit. Sanitation measures are being increased throughout the facility daily.

All Nevada Department of Corrections employees are tested for COVID-19 every two weeks and offenders are tested every three weeks. More frequent tests are administered when necessary. All staff are required to wear masks at all times and follow proper PPE protocols. All staff are screened for symptoms and temperatures are taken before entering any facility.

WSCC employees are required to wear N95 masks at all times and full gowns when entering the units.

"We will manage the outbreak as we have a first-class outbreak response plan and talented professionals committed to executing the plan," said Charles Daniels, Director of the Nevada Department of Corrections. "I do believe our protocols will mitigate the spread of the virus not only at Warm Springs but the rest of the agency as well."

The Department has implemented testing facility-wide and the remainder of WSCC's population of 525 offenders and all staff will be tested Friday and Saturday.

NDOC will continue to monitor the situation at all facilities.

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