



Public Information Release

Increase in COVID-19 Cases at Madison Correctional

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Mass testing for COVID-19 was conducted at Madison Correctional this week which led to an increase in reported positive cases. As of today, testing conducted on August 10 has resulted in a total of 114 new cases of COVID-19 among inmates at Madison Correctional (MACI). MACI works closely with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) to follow state health protocols. MACI also has their own medical staff to care for inmates.

Madison County Public Health is monitoring this situation closely and is working with prison staff to limit the spread of COVID-19. When a prison outbreak occurs there is a concern for community spread as prison employees go home to their families. "I want to thank all of the staff at our two corrections facilities here in Madison County for their dedication," said Health Commissioner Chris Cook. "When I see an outbreak in a prison, I'm deeply concerned for both the staff and the prisoners. We know how quickly this virus can move through congregate settings and the damage it can do in our community as well."

ODRC has implemented several safeguards for inmates including increasing the availability of hygiene and sanitization products, offering cloth face coverings, and preventing intermingling between inmate cohorts. Mass testing has been conducted at most prisons across the state; ODRC plans to continue to test inmates in all state prison facilities who are symptomatic.

MCPH encourages all residents to be vigilant in our community. If you are sick, stay home except to receive healthcare. COVID-19 testing continues to be available in Madison County from Madison Health and Rocking Horse Community Health Center. MCPH investigates every case of COVID-19 in the county. Information regarding this outbreak will continue to be updated on the MCPH website (covid.madisonph.org) and on the ODH website (coronavirus.ohio.gov).

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