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**Centre County Correctional Facility Confirms Four Additional Incarcerated Individuals with COVID-19**

**Bellefonte, PA** – On Monday, April 27, four individuals incarcerated at the Centre County Correctional Facility (CCCF) tested positive for COVID-19 according to Warden Christopher A. Schell. The four individuals were already quarantined prior to exhibiting symptoms and will remain in quarantine for an additional fourteen days. Hospitalization is not necessary at this point in time for any of the four individuals.

On April 19, the CCCF confirmed its first case of COVID-19 and its second case on April 23, respectively. As of April 29, thirteen incarcerated individuals have been tested for COVID-19. The total results are six positives and seven negatives. All six individuals testing positive for COVID-19 are from the same housing unit. In addition, as of April 29, five correctional officers were tested for COVID-19. All five test results were negative.

Since March 13, the CCCF has been aggressively following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s guidance for COVID-19. The CCCF implemented pandemic protocols including increased disinfection sweeps, a no visitation policy, suspension of work release programs, and adherence to strict screening protocols for staff and incarcerated individuals. Routine temperature checks and universal masking are in place for all staff and incarcerated individuals. Medical staff and health administrators are on the premises at all times to assist in the monitoring of this health crisis as well as any other health related issues.

Moreover, the CCCF is collaborating with the Courts, District Attorney’s Office, Public Defender’s Office, and Probation to identify incarcerated individuals who are most vulnerable to the effects of COVID-19 but, if released early, do not pose a public safety risk. On March 22, the population of the CCCF was at 236. As of April 29, there are 148 individuals incarcerated.

“All measures to protect the health and safety of our staff and incarcerated individuals continue with additional efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within our facility,” said Warden Schell.

Beginning May 1, updates about testing and results will be provided daily on the [Centre County Correctional Facility's COVID-19 webpage](#).

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