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A third Douglas County Correctional Officer tests positive for COVID-19

On May 26, 2020, Douglas County officials received confirmation that a correctional officer with the Douglas County Department of Corrections tested positive for COVID-19. This officer is currently hospitalized.

This is the third officer at Corrections who has tested positive since the onset of the pandemic. Mike Myers, director of Douglas County Department of Corrections, said there is no evidence the three cases are related to one another.

“The health and well-being of all our staff is our top priority,” Myers said. “We are anxiously awaiting the full recoveries of each of our affected staff members.”

Douglas County Corrections has about 500 employees. As of today, there are approximately 1,200 incarcerated individuals at Corrections.

“We are continuing our efforts to keep the facility as safe as possible,” Myers said. “We are continuously implementing additional protective practices based on guidance from experts in the field.”