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### **KANE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER COVID-19 TEST RESULTS**

**St. Charles, IL** - Chief Judge Clint Hull has announced the results of the tests conducted by the Illinois Department of Health on Wednesday, August 5 at the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center after one staff member and one resident at the facility tested positive for the virus on Monday.

The test results found that three additional residents and three additional staff members also tested positive for COVID-19 and are now in quarantine.

The results also showed that the three new resident cases were in the same unit as the first resident who tested positive which means the virus has not spread to the other three housing units in the facility. The additional-three staff members who tested positive are now in quarantine following IDPH instructions and CDC guidelines.

The staff members who were previously quarantined on Monday, but received negative test results from Wednesday, will resume their duties following CDC protocols for daily symptom monitoring.

The Illinois Department of Health recommended that a second test of all staff and residents occur on or about Wednesday, August 12 to ensure the safety of all persons at the facility and is being scheduled.

The temporary lockdown that was put into place on August 3, has been extended. This means no new residents will be accepted nor be transported to another location except for exigent circumstances. The residents are receiving daily-study packets, by the Kane County Regional Office of Education, who runs the school program at the JJC the full calendar year, including during the summer months. The JJC staff are working to keep the spirits of the residents up as best they can by developing fresh daily in-room activities, drawing contests, writing challenges, etc., with prizes and snacks.

The County has completed the deep clean of the facility and has scheduled a monthly deep clean of the entire facility the first week of every month throughout the remaining months of 2020. This will be done in addition to the enhanced cleaning protocols that were put in place at the beginning of the pandemic-in the shared common areas, dining hall, classrooms, and library to reduce risk of transmission.

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