



# *Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail*

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## **VPRJ REPORTS RESULTS OF POINT PREVALENCE COVID-19 TESTING**

Williamsburg, Virginia – On Friday, May 29, 2020, all staff and inmates at the Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail underwent point prevalence testing for Covid-19. This decision was made out of an abundance of caution and in consultation with the Virginia Peninsula Health District as VPRJ continues to work through the Covid-19 pandemic.

No VPRJ employees tested positive for Covid-19. Out of the entire inmate population that was tested, two inmates tested positive. They have been relocated to a quarantine unit within the facility, and are now housed separate and apart from the general population. These inmates are presently asymptomatic, and are being monitored by VPRJ's medical team and our on-site physician, and will remain in quarantine for a period of at least 14 days. Additionally, the inmates in the housing units where the two positive inmates were previously housed are being closely monitored, to include twice daily temperature checks.

“We are continuing to follow guidance from the Virginia Department of Health and the Centers for Diseases Control as we battle this pandemic,” said Superintendent Colonel Roy Witham. “Our top priority is the safety and security of our inmate population and staff. We will continue to monitor the conditions of the two inmates who tested positive, as well as those with whom they were previously housed, to ensure the wellbeing of all who are committed to our custody. Additionally, all new commits remain separated from our general population and are monitored by VPRJ medical staff for a period of 14 days.”

“I've also held town halls throughout the day with our inmate population to inform them directly of the results of the test,” continued Colonel Witham. “We are absolutely committed to providing accurate information to them so that they are aware that we are doing everything within our power to keep them safe.”

Testing was conducted by the Virginia National Guard under the direction of the Virginia Department of Health. Prior to the testing, no inmates housed at VPRJ had tested positive for Covid-19.