

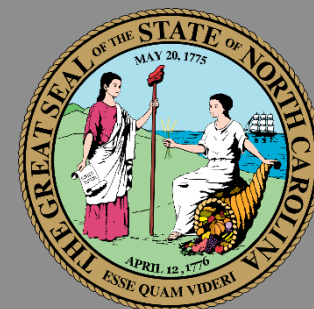


NORTH CAROLINA  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
PREVENT. PROTECT. PREPARE

# *SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRISON SAFETY*



November 30, 2020  
Todd Ishee, Commissioner of Prisons



# *American Correctional Association Audit Results*

## ***DPS Prison Administration***

- *100% Mandatory Standards*
- *99.3% Non-Mandatory Standards*

## ***Janitorial Products Plant- Warren CI***

- *100% Audit Results based on  
eight(8) mandatory standards & 72  
non-mandatory standards*



# COVID-19 UPDATE

## ***Offender Testing***

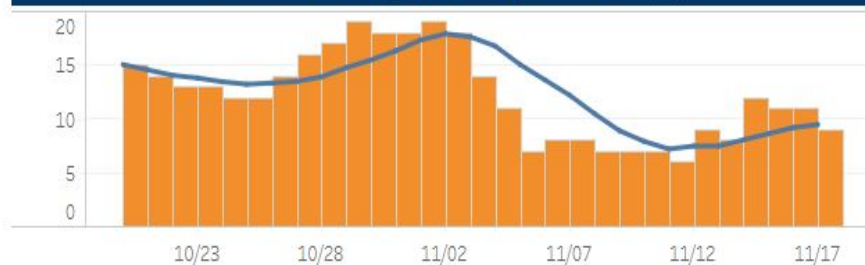
*(as of 11/24/20)*

- 59,677 Total Tests Performed
- 35,915 Offenders Tested *(since March 2020)*
- 5,262 Positives
- 602 Active Cases *(2% of population)*
- 4,183 Current Offenders Presumed Recovered
- 14 Current Hospitalized Offenders

## ***Offender Testing at High Acuity Facilities***

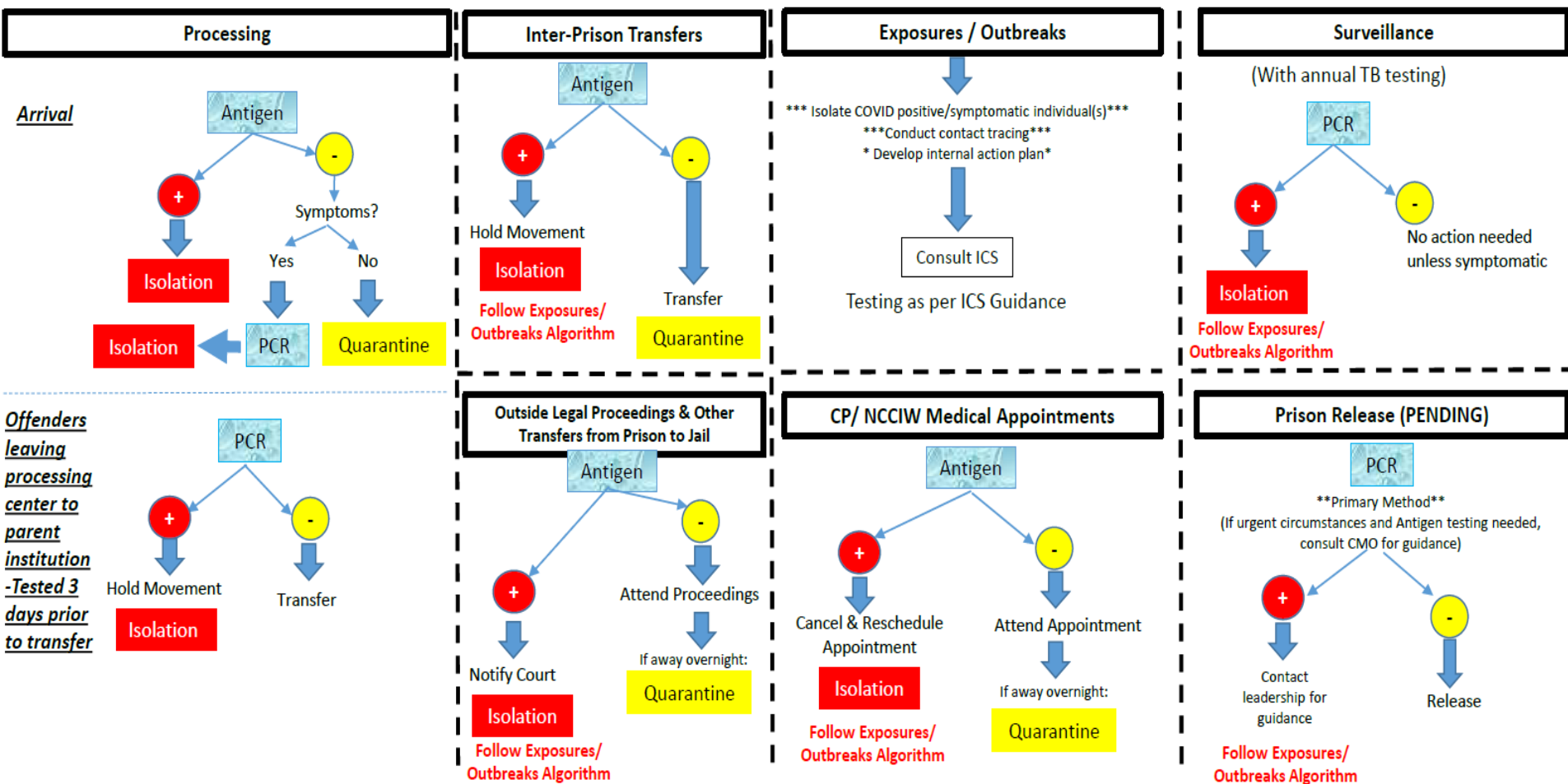
- Staff tested at 14-day intervals
- Offenders 5% random testing monthly
- All offenders tested during annual TB screening
- Offenders tested if symptomatic
- Offenders tested if likely exposure has occurred

**Offenders Hospitalized (last 30 days)**





## North Carolina Prisons Comprehensive Offender Testing



# COVID-19 UPDATE

## **Staff Reports**

*(as of 11/24/20)*

- *1,560 Positives*
- *1,242 Returned to work*
- *318 Currently out of work*

## **Enhanced Employee Testing**

*Facilities on “Red” Status will have required routine testing every 14 days for employees/contractors to mitigate the spread of the virus*

## **Staff Testing**

### **5% Employee Testing**

- *11/9/20 system-wide mandatory employee testing initiative*
- *5% of staff assigned at each prison, regional office, Correction Enterprises and Randall Building Complex to be tested each week*
- *Will result in 20% of total Prison staff being tested monthly*

# COVID-19 Contingency Operation

## *Operations temporarily suspended:*

- *Randolph Correctional Center (Randolph County), November 20, 2020*
- *Southern Correctional Institution (Montgomery County) Minimum Unit, November 20, 2020*
- *Piedmont Correctional Institution (Rowan County) Minimum Unit, November 24, 2020*



# *New Safety Measures Underway*

- *3,035 iWave air purifiers ordered for all NC Prison Facilities*
- *KN95 and N95 masks available for all employees upon request*
- *HEPA Filtration*



## *Budget Impacts of COVID-19*

- *Hazard Pay – \$48.6M*
  - *Monthly costs \$6.9M for Prisons; \$8.1M all Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice*
- *Medical Surge Facility - \$4.4M*
- *Community Resources Offender Transition – \$2M-3M*
- *Employee Testing*



# *Questions?*

