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**45 Individuals under DOC Supervision
Medically Cleared from COVID-19 after
Being Housed in Isolation Unit
4 Staff Members Cleared and Back to Work**

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As of Tuesday, April 14, 2020 a total of four Department of Correction correctional staff members who had contracted the coronavirus have been medically cleared and have returned to work within their respective correctional facilities.

Additionally, a total of 45 offenders who contracted the coronavirus have been medically cleared, left the isolation unit at the Northern Correctional Institution, and have been returned to their appropriate facilities.

The Department of Correction conducted contact tracing of each of the confirmed cases of coronavirus, and the Agency's healthcare staff members also closely monitored the wellbeing and medical progress of all the affected individuals during their recuperation.

During their recovery period the 45 offenders had been housed in a medical isolation unit within the Northern Correctional Institution.

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The Department of Correction established the medical isolation unit in order for positive COVID-19 patients to be managed in a facility with infrastructure that provides for optimal air quality through a separate ventilation system in each housing unit which draws one hundred percent outside air, exhausting it without any recirculation. This is similar to ventilation systems found in most medical environments.

“I am beyond proud of these courageous men and women who after recovering from the virus are getting right back to fighting the battle against this pandemic,” said Commissioner Rollin Cook. “Seeing the recoveries among our offender population is encouraging for our efforts to mitigate the spread and impact of this virus. This provides some comfort that the isolation unit at Northern is working. DOC officers and staff will continue to work every day to maximize our health and safety procedures to do what we can to keep our population and staff safe. I am looking forward to when that unit is totally empty.”

For the latest Department of Correction COVID-19 related information and data go to the Agency’s Health Information and Advisories page at:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DOC/Common-Elements/Common-Elements/Health-Information-and-Advisories>