

More than 140 inmates test positive for COVID-19 at Massachusetts jail

Norfolk is one of the 16 cities in Massachusetts that have been designated by state officials to be of high-risk for COVID-19.

A week ago the Massachusetts Department of Corrections ordered facility-wide testing at MCI-Norfolk after two inmates tested positive for COVID-19. More than 1,200 inmates were tested and presently 140 of those tests came back positive, with 300 tests still pending.

While all inmates who tested positive were primarily asymptomatic they were still immediately transferred to quarantine and are currently receiving treatment within MCI-Norfolk.

All in-person visitations to the facility have been suspended until further notice.