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MDOC Probation Agent Tests Positive For COVID-19

LANSING, MICH. On Tuesday, March 17, the Michigan Department of Corrections was notified that an employee at the Jackson County Probation Office had tested positive for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The employee had a recent history of international travel.

This is the first MDOC employee who has tested positive for COVID-19.

The MDOC has been in contact with the individual and the department is proactively working to determine any other employees and probationers that person was in contact with.

"We are glad to hear our employee is feeling better," said MDOC Director Heidi Washington. "We continue to do all we can to protect the health of our staff, their families and the offenders they supervise."

Once the positive test was confirmed today, the local health department ordered all Jackson County Probation Office staff to leave their work site and quarantine for the next 14 days.

The department is making arrangements for continued supervision of the probationers in the county, since the staff will be unable to perform those duties during the quarantine.

The department will provide further information as it becomes available.

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/Coronavirus) and [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/Coronavirus).

Information about steps the MDOC is taking in response to the virus is also available [here](#).

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