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STATE AUDITOR ROB SAND VOTES TO PROVIDE BACKPAY TO HUNDREDS OF DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS EMPLOYEES

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Des Moines, IA – State Auditor Rob Sand today voted to provide Department of Corrections (DOC) employees backpay owed to them for on-the-job COVID-19 testing. The required testing occurred prior to the employees clocking in for their shifts at the Newton Correctional Facility from July 2020 to May 2021.

"Iowans expect to pay a fair day's wages for a fair day's work," said Sand. "Plus, correctional officers' jobs are already dangerous enough."

Sand is one of three members of the State Appeal Board. The board voted unanimously today to provide more than \$112,000 in back pay to more than 235 current and former DOC employees.

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