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Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution placed on lockdown

Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution (EOCI) was placed on lockdown Monday, May 26, following a series of fights between inmates. The institution is currently running on modified operations and visitation is cancelled until further notice.

At approximately 5:30 p.m., multiple fights broke out in the dining room, prompting EOCl officials to place the west side of the institution on lockdown. EOCl placed the entire institution on lockdown at approximately 6:30 p.m. after additional fights occurred following the evening meal.

A total of 46 inmates were placed in special housing for their involvement in the altercations. One inmate required outside medical treatment.

An ongoing investigation is being conducted to determine the cause of the incident.

EOCI is a medium security prison located in Pendleton that houses approximately 1,700 men in custody. It provides a range of correctional services and programs, including education, treatment, mental health, and work opportunities. The buildings that make up EOCl were constructed in 1912 and 1913 and were originally used as a state mental hospital. After two years of renovation, EOCl received its first inmates in June 1985.

