



SHERIFF WAYNE IVEY

BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

April 17, 2020

Honorable Lisa Davidson
Chief Circuit Court Judge, 18th Judicial Circuit
Moore Justice Center
2825 Fran Jamieson Way
Viera, FL 32940-8006

Dear Chief Judge Davidson,

As Sheriff, I am committed to keeping you and key stakeholders informed as to pertinent updates regarding the Brevard County Jail Complex during the COVID-19 threat.

As I have informed you in two prior updates, I have been working directly with our community partners and state agencies, as well as implementing infectious disease protocols at the Brevard County Jail Complex in response to the COVID-19 threat. This has included quarantine periods for new inmates, increased disinfection cleaning throughout the Jail Complex, additional medical screening procedures in order to quickly identify and respond to any potential cases amongst either BCSO personnel or inmates, educating staff members and inmates to help prevent the introduction of the virus and limiting jail complex access to only essential personnel. The County Jail Complex has both medical and mental health staffing on site as well as existing infectious disease prevention protocols and awareness training.

The Brevard County Sheriff's Office has also implemented CDC-recommended medical screening to include temperature evaluations and a questionnaire prior to staff entering into the County Jail Complex. Additionally, our Programs Unit and Healthcare Provider have increased inmate education and awareness of recommended hygiene techniques through postings and informational television broadcasts, and increased hygiene supply issuance and laundry cleaning. Jail staff continue to remain in their respective designated work areas to limit unnecessary interactions throughout the Complex.

I do write to update you that on April 16, 2020, a BCSO Corrections Deputy received our first agency wide positive COVID-19 test result. The employee last worked on April 12, 2020, and had not returned to duty after regular scheduled days off. The employee experienced an onset of suspected symptoms and called in to report the concern to a supervisor. The employee was directed not to report to work as scheduled and seek healthcare intervention, which included COVID testing. This employee will remain out of the workplace in accordance with CDC guidelines and healthcare provider recommendations.

However, I can still report that there continue to be **no confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases within the County Jail Complex inmate population; there are no pending COVID-19 tests of inmates for which results are outstanding;** and we continue to monitor the latest CDC and Florida Department of Health recommendations and will make any adjustments or modifications to procedures when necessary to prevent the introduction or spread of COVID-19. The staff at the Brevard County Jail Complex remain committed to maintaining a safe workplace that protects our inmates and staffing.

Sincerely,

Wayne Ivey
Sheriff of Brevard County

cc: Honorable Phil Archer, State Attorney
Honorable Blaise Trettis, Public Defender