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Fifteen Positive COVID-19 Cases at the Monroe County Children's Detention Center

The Monroe County Department of Public Health is working with the Monroe County Children's Detention Center after six youth and nine staff members tested positive for COVID-19. All parents and families of youth at the detention center have been notified of the situation. Outside visitation is currently not allowed at the facility, and the staff has made additional arrangements for youth to connect virtually with family and legal representation. All infected youth are being quarantined away from non-infected youth and all infected staff are isolating at home.

Nursing staff at the Children's Detention Center will be testing all staff and youth every 24-hours until the infected youth are out of quarantine. Additionally, the facility has instituted increased health screenings for the youth and staff until further notice. It is also consulting closely with the Monroe County Department of Public Health to monitor the outbreak, and is following all guidance provided to ensure the health and safety of everyone there, including masking, physical distancing and frequent hand washing. Monroe County is making plans to create additional quarantine locations should more youth become infected.

The Children's Detention Center is working with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to ensure adequate staffing is maintained inside the facility. As a result of the increase in COVID-19 cases, the Monroe County Children's Detention Center will not be accepting additional youth until further notice.

At this time, all youth are feeling well, experiencing only mild symptoms and showing signs of progress. They will continue to receive 24 hour medical care until cleared of COVID-19.

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