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### **STATEMENT FROM PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSIONER** **DR. MICHAEL MENDOZA**

#### **Monroe County Public Health Commissioner Dr. Michael Mendoza responds to outbreak of COVID-19 cases at Monroe County Jail**

“Since the beginning of the pandemic, Monroe County and its Department of Public Health have been working closely with the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office to protect the health and safety of inmates and staff at the Monroe County Jail. Due to extensive precautions, the Jail has been able to prevent infection for many months. However, COVID-19 has demonstrated it will take advantage of even a slight opportunity to spread. It was only a matter of time before the virus entered the facility, and that time has arrived. We are in regular communication with the MCSO as it works to contain the virus and appreciate the Office’s diligence and transparency. We hope that all public employees in Monroe County recognize the importance of mask wearing and social distancing, both in and out of the workplace, as we strive to beat this pandemic.”

– **Dr. Michael Mendoza, Commissioner of the Monroe County Department of Public Health**