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MONROE COUNTY JAIL DEPUTY AND INMATE TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Rochester, NY (July 17, 2020) – On Wednesday, July 15, 2020, the Monroe County Sheriff's Office learned a Monroe County Jail (MCJ) deputy tested positive for COVID-19. The deputy notified the MCSO COVID Command Post and was quarantined at home. The deputy will remain in quarantine for 14 days. Upon learning the deputy was COVID positive, all inmates living in the unit where the deputy worked were tested for COVID-19. The deputy was masked and practiced social distancing, when able, while at work.

Out of an abundance of caution, ten additional MCSO deputies who had contact with the infected deputy were tested for the virus and quarantined at home. They also will remain quarantined for 14 days. MCSO is awaiting test results.

On Friday, July 17, 2020 at 1:00 a.m., the Monroe County Sheriff's Office was notified that an inmate living in the unit tested positive for COVID-19. The COVID positive inmate, along with all inmates in the unit, were placed in quarantine for 14 days. Additionally, inmates who had come in contact with the positive inmate, outside of the inmate's unit, were also quarantined and tested for the virus. The results of those tests are forthcoming. Both COVID positive deputy and inmate remain asymptomatic.

The unit the inmate lived in, as well as common areas of the jail, were sanitized. All staff and inmates in the affected areas were issued N95 masks; staff and inmates are typically issued surgical masks. MCSO's medical provider, Prime Care, increased temperature screenings of all approximately 600 inmates from twice a week to once daily.

All recreation is cancelled until further notice. All jail visits have been postponed until further notice. Any inmate under quarantine, scheduled to be released, will be evaluated by a medical professional prior to release.

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