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## MONROE COUNTY JAIL INMATES TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

**Rochester, NY (November 27, 2020)** – Late last night, MCSO identified seven inmates who were experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 to include a fever. We proactively took temperatures throughout the entire jail and found one additional inmate with a fever. Today, all eight inmates who were symptomatic yesterday, are no longer showing symptoms today. Prime Care, our medical provider, conducted rapid tests of the eight inmates and all eight came back positive. We are waiting for the results of earlier initial non-rapid tests, which were sent to an outside lab. All inmates who tested positive were given an opportunity to call family. Two housing units are currently under quarantine and being continuously monitored by Prime Care medical staff. All inmates inside of the jail will be checked daily to include temperature checks.

The health and safety of our staff and inmates working and living at the Monroe County Jail remains our top priority. Preventing any additional infections of the novel Coronavirus among employees and inmates is paramount. The Monroe County Jail currently exceeds all guidelines for staff and inmates as set by the CDC and the Monroe County Public Health Department.

- We are continually checking the temperature of each staff member every time they enter the facility.
- We have suspended all social visitation as per the NYS Commission of Correction directive for those jails inside of an Orange Zone.
- MCSO's mandatory masking and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) requirements remain in place for both staff and inmates.
- MCSO is working with the Monroe County Department of Public Health on a continuous basis to review procedures.
- The Monroe County Jail is continuously sanitized 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- We adhere to the protocols set by the Governor's office regarding Travel Advisories for essential workers.
- Newly incarcerated inmates are screened prior to entering the jail and are quarantined prior to coming into contact with the rest of the jail population.

We are proud of our efforts and are confident of our ability to continually protect the health and safety of all those at the Jail. We will continue to be vigilant against infection as we navigate these unprecedented times.

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