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ALL MCSO JAIL DEPUTIES WHO WERE QUARANTINED AS A PRECAUTION AFTER THREE JAIL DEPUTIES TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 in MAY RETURN TO WORK

*No Positive COVID-19 Cases inside the MCJ; Preparation and Planning Protocols Credited
for Eliminating Exposure and Successful Isolation*

Rochester, NY (June 4, 2020) – As of today's date, June 4, 2020, 20 Monroe County Jail deputies returned to work at the MCJ after being quarantined at home for 14 days following positive COVID-19 test results involving three jail deputies last month. None of the deputies who were quarantined tested positive for COVID-19.

There are no positive COVID-19 cases inside the jail. Monroe County Sheriff Todd Baxter credits preparation and planning for successfully and quickly isolating exposure to inmates and the entire MCJ staff. Any potential spread of the virus was mitigated because of contact tracing that far exceeded the minimum standard protocols, isolation and testing of (# of deputies) and continuous screening of all inmates and visitors to the Monroe County Jail.

At this time, two of the three deputies who tested positive for COVID-19 on May 20th, May 22nd, and May 23rd, 2020 are still recovering at home; one is medically cleared to return to work tomorrow.

Preventing any additional infections of the novel coronavirus among employees and inmates remains our top priority. MCSO's masking and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) requirements remain in place. As part of MCSO's COVID-19 protocols, all individuals entering the MCJ are screened, to include temperature checks. All staff is temperature screened at least once per day, every work day. None reported any symptoms, to include fever. The entire jail population is continually temperature screened. MCSO is working with the Monroe County Department of Public Health on a continuous basis to review procedures.

As MCSO previously reported, we are continuing the following protocols:

1. MCSO staff and health care provider Prime Care, contracted by MCSO, continuously educates inmates and staff on precautions to take, to include sanitization and social distancing
2. Every employee provided PPE
3. MCJ is continuously sanitized 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
4. All inmates are offered masks and unlimited soap and water; all trained in how to don and doff masks
5. Deputy roll calls reduced in third to create social distancing; spreading the roll calls out so fewer deputies in room at same time.

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