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## MONROE COUNTY JAIL COVID UPDATE

### *MCSO Continues to Take COVID Precautions Exceeding CDC Recommended Guidelines*

**Rochester, NY (December 1, 2020)** – The health and safety of incarcerated individuals and staff living and working inside the Monroe County Jail remains a top priority of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. Through proactive screening and testing, MCSO identified eight Monroe County Jail (MCJ) inmates who tested positive for the Coronavirus, as was reported to the public last week. Through additional screenings and testing, MCSO has identified seven additional COVID-positive inmates, for a total of 15 to date. All of the COVID-positive inmates were moved into one housing unit. MCSO remains in constant consultation with the Monroe County Department of Public Health and the New York State Commission of Correction in relation to this pandemic.

Out of an abundance of caution, exceeding the Centers for Disease Control guidelines, every inmate undergoes a temperature screening at least once a day. All staff is temperature screened before entering all MCSO facilities. Additionally, MCSO has tested and quarantined inmates who are either experiencing one or more of the symptoms known to be associated with COVID-19 or who have been in close contact with a COVID-positive inmate. MCSO has eliminated all movement inside of the jail, isolating incarcerated individuals to their individual housing units.

There is continuous sanitization of the jail 24/7, conducted by one deputy/staff member per shift who is dedicated to this detail and whose sole responsibility is to clean and disinfect the facility. MCSO's mandatory masking and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) requirements remain in place for both staff and inmates.

All social jail visitations remain suspended. Professional visitations remain, however there is no contact.

MCSO recognizes the importance of communication and values maintaining and strengthening relationships between incarcerated individuals and their families. To encourage and foster those relationships, MCSO is doubling the number of free phone calls it provides to incarcerated individuals from one to two per week.