



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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SAN DIEGO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT INTAKE OPERATIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in the State of California following the first reported death due to COVID-19 (coronavirus). Out of an abundance of caution for staff, arrestees, and in-custody inmates, the Sheriff's Department wishes to inform you and your staff about our protocols, provide information, and seeks your agencies' assistance in preventing the spread of the virus.

This is a fluid situation and additional changes are being enacted at each of our intake facilities. Effective Friday, March 20, 2020, all arrestees will be screened in the patrol car in the vehicle sally port and prior to entering any facility building. This screening will consist of a brief series of questions and a temporal temperature check by deputy or nurse. The results of this screening will be evaluated by Sheriff's medical staff prior to the arrestee being removed from the vehicle. If approved, you will be allowed to bring the arrestee in to begin the booking process. If denied, the arrestee will be rejected and must be cleared at a hospital prior to returning. If cleared from the hospital and upon your return to the jail, the arrestee will be provided a barrier mask to wear through the process.

Your officers and deputies should take necessary precaution with all arrestees and utilize appropriate protective equipment. This will reduce the likelihood of exposure to the officers/deputies and reduce potential contamination of the vehicle. It is important to recognize that this virus is spreading via infected people who are not yet symptomatic, and it may be difficult to identify an at-risk individual. Good hygiene practices, proper personal protective equipment, and good communication can help all of us in preventing unnecessary exposure.

On a separate note, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department will be reinstating the Conditional Custody Program (CCP) on March 20, 2020, at midnight. CCP is a San Diego County Sheriff's Department program that permits persons arrested for California Vehicle Code (VC) Section 23152 (a)-(g) Driving Under the Influence, to be screened for eligibility and released on their own recognizance.

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