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SHERIFF'S OFFICE OPERATIONAL CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19

Recent outbreak at Correctional Development Center-Male creates need to shift resources

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Last week, the Nashville-Davidson County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) saw a significant increase in the number of COVID-19 cases at the Correctional Development Center-Male, 5113 Harding Place. This has prompted Sheriff Daron Hall to shift internal resources. Beginning Sunday, 20 warrant officers and 10 Correctional Services Division officers will be assigned to correctional posts.

Orders of protection and emergency orders service will not be affected. Service of other civil warrants and bulk item pick-up will be considerably delayed. Additionally, inmate movement to court is halted until further notice. Hall asks for patience as his agency deals with this unprecedented situation and plans to evaluate these changes and make necessary adjustments on a weekly basis.

"These decisions are not made lightly and I understand there will be inconveniences; however, we must continue safe and secure operation of our institutions while also working to contain this outbreak," Hall said. "COVID-19 is having an impact on our employees and we must redirect officer resources to ensure continued appropriate staffing. At the same time, we need to decrease the possibility of further exposure by limiting inmate movement to emergency situations."

Latest numbers show 180 inmates testing positive with an additional 360 inmates on COVID restriction. Twenty-four DCSO employees are now testing positive with 42 tests results pending. Ten days ago, there was one inmate testing positive, 103 on restriction, and 22 inmates had recovered. At the same time, zero staff was positive and 11 had recovered.

The DCSO continues to coordinate with the Metro Public Health Department regarding COVID-19 testing, medical housing of inmates, and staff safety guidelines.

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