



**SAN MATEO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
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## **NEWS RELEASE**

**Incident Date and Time:** 01/06/2022

**Location:** San Mateo County Correctional Facilities

**Type of Crime/Incident:** Covid 19/Omicron Update

### **Summary:**

The following procedures have been implemented by the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office and San Mateo County Correctional Health Services at our correctional facilities to protect our employees and incarcerated people from Covid-19/Omicron.

- All in-person visiting is canceled until further notice. Exception: Attorney visits and court-ordered visits.
- All staff is required to wear N-95 or KN-95 masks inside all correctional facilities.
- All incarcerated people are required to wear their masks when outside their cell.
- All incarcerated people going to court are required to wear an N-95 or KN-95 mask.
- All in-person programs have been canceled until further notice.
- No in-person meetings or large gatherings (except emergencies).
- Newly arrived incarcerated people will be quarantined per CDC guidelines. This will be to ensure none of the incarcerated people have developed symptoms of Covid-19.
- In the event an incarcerated person shows signs of Covid-19, the Correctional Staff will collaborate with Correctional Health Services to implement a quarantine plan for that housing area as deemed necessary.
- If you have the following symptoms, please refrain from entering the correctional lobbies. Fever, cough, difficulty breathing, and shortness of breath and please contact your medical provider.
- The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office will continue to collaborate with the San Mateo County Correctional Health Services to ensure our employees and the incarcerated people are provided the most up-to-date information and protection from Covid-19.
- Incarcerated people will attend video court inside their housing units except for those who are required to attend in person.
- All correctional staff are required to take COVID tests once per week. All arrestees will be screened outside of the facility. This will consist of a pre-booking questionnaire and



an intensive medical screening. If an arrestee is displaying symptoms of Covid-19 and is medically cleared, they will be isolated.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this challenging time.

**Written by: Detective Javier Acosta**

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