



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

### **UPDATE on Corrections and COVID-19 procedures:**

The populations in Corrections are currently at 38% of the rated capacity:  
Maguire Correctional Facility- 291/ 528 rated  
Maple Street Correctional Center- 231/ 832 rated

As of today's date, eight inmates have tested positive for COVID-19; four of the eight are still positive and being treated by correctional health inside the facility in the medical housing unit. The inmates were asymptomatic and were tested as part of our precautionary measures and universal testing. Once the inmates tested positive, the inmates were immediately placed into quarantine and treated. Any inmates and staff who may have been in close contact with the affected inmates were tested and tested negative. Looking at the average populations of the jails over the past few months, approximately 1.5% of inmates have tested positive for COVID-19.

As of today, three personnel in Corrections have tested positive for COVID-19 since March. They were treated and quarantined at home. All personnel and inmates who were in contact with them were tested and tested negative.

Zero-bail protocols have been changed by the state. The Sheriff's Office adheres to all laws and directives enacted by the state and detains and releases inmates in accordance with the orders of the courts.

The COVID-19 protocols originally put into place have remained with updates to conform to the directions of the Health Officer.

- All in-person visits with inmates are still suspended. Inmates are allowed two free 30" video visits per week.
- All in-person jail programs are still suspended. Program services staff are conducting video programs and consistently creating and reviewing options for increased programming in a safe manner.
- Anyone entering the facilities at any time is screened.
- All arrestees are still screened outside of the facility. This consists of a pre-booking questionnaire and an intensive medical screening. If an arrestee is displaying symptoms



of COVID-19 and is medically cleared and must be booked, they will be isolated in our medical housing unit.

- Newly arrived inmates are housed on our Intake Housing Unit for 14 days before being transferred to the jail's general population.
- In the event a housed inmate shows signs of COVID-19, the inmate is quarantined, monitored, and treated as determined by Correctional Health Services.
- The inmates continue to have recreation time in smaller groups adhering to social distancing.
- The inmates have access to appropriate cleaning and sanitizing supplies and personal protective equipment to include masks as necessary and always will.
- All staff and inmates are being tested for COVID by County Health.

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