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Arrestee Enters Detention Facility COVID-19 Positive

On June 19, 2020, around 4am, the Leon County Detention Facility (LCDF) booked an arrestee who disclosed to arresting officers they had previously been diagnosed with COVID-19. After being booked, the inmate was immediately placed in a guarantine pod with no access or contact with any other current inmates. The inmate was processed and released after first appearance, approximately eight hours after booking.

During the booking process and awaiting first appearance, LCDF staff followed all necessary infectious disease protocols while handling the arrestee, including wearing face masks and gloves. All surfaces and areas where the arrestee was located were cleansed and disinfected.

LCDF staff continues to temperature scan all persons entering the facility, to monitor for any possible infections. Staff are also required to wear masks in all booking areas. In addition, all arrestees entering the facility are required to take a COVID-19 test or be housed in the quarantine pod for 14 days for observation. An arrestee that agrees to a test can be released from the quarantine pod prior to 14 days following two negative test results.



