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UPDATE

On Tuesday evening, April 7, the Leon County Detention Facility received notification from health officials that the COVID-19 tests administered to three inmates returned with negative results. Quarantines for these inmates, and inmates in their pod, are in the process of being lifted at this time. The two detention facility employees, who continue to exhibit no symptoms, will remain in self-isolation and will be able to return to duty after the 14-day quarantine period. Detention facility officials will continue to adhere to health department guidelines following this incident.

The Leon County Sheriff's Office remains vigilant in the fight against the COVID-19 virus. We encourage anyone within our facilities to report any possible COVID-19 exposure or symptoms immediately to health or medical professionals.

LCSO Takes Precautionary Measures after Vendor Tests Positive for COVID-19

On Sunday, April 5th, the Leon County Detention Facility (LCDF) was notified that a local vendor who serviced the facility on March 23rd, March 26th and March 27th has since tested positive for COVID-19. No LCDF staff or inmates are exhibiting symptoms of the virus, however, out of an abundance of caution, the Leon County Sheriff's Office is taking protective measures.

Two employees who had contact with the vendor are self-isolating at home, with no symptoms. Three inmates in the LCSO Work Camp program, who had contact with the vendor, have been administered COVID-19 tests, with results pending. Additional inmates, who shared a pod with the three inmates being tested, are undergoing temperature screenings, while being isolated from other inmates in the facility. No inmates are exhibiting symptoms of the virus at this time.

LCSO has learned that the vendor traveled to the state of New York two days prior to his visit to the LCDF last month. Test results for the three inmates who had contact with the vendor are expected within the next 48 hours. LCSO is working in conjunction with the Florida Department of Health and will continue to monitor this situation and take all necessary precautions.

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