Press Release

Subject: COVID-19 Preparedness

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In order to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Yolo County Sheriff’s Office is taking steps to protect the health of staff, inmates, and the community.

Effective immediately, and until further notice, all jail visitation will be cancelled. Additionally, all public Live Scan fingerprinting is suspended until further notice.

The Sheriff’s Office values visitation as an essential part of our jail operations, but at this time the health and wellness of all those who work, live, and visit our campus must be protected. Legal and professional visits will continue as scheduled.

We will continue to ensure the safety and security of the people who work in our facilities, and the continuation of access to medical, and mental health services for the inmate population.

It is important to note that at this time there are no suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Yolo County Jail.

The Sheriff’s Office is prepared to address exposure to COVID-19 through infection control practices already in place to prevent the spread of any communicable diseases. Our primary focus during this time is to:

- Prevent the spread of the disease
- Promptly identify and isolate patients with possible COVID-19
- Care for patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19
- Initiate COVID-19 emergency procedures in the event of an escalating outbreak
- Monitor and manage potential staff exposures

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• Communicate effectively within the facility and local public health authorities

We understand staff, families, and those who visit our jail as program providers or volunteers may have concerns and anxiety about COVID-19, but please know that the safety and security of all is our top priority. All should follow the precautions recommended by the CDC, which expand upon precautions advised during cold and flu season.