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Using COVID-19 Rapid Test Fourth Arrestee Tests Positive

San Francisco Sheriff Paul Miyamoto said that a fourth person has tested positive at the San Francisco County Jail's intake and release facility. The individual was tested this morning prior to being booked using a COVID-19 rapid test, which produced a positive result within four hours.

Jail Health Services (JHS), a section of the Department of Public Health, began offering COVID-19 tests on April 12, 2020 to people who were being booked in county jail. Working with the Sheriff's custody division, they have quarantined all new arrestees and isolated positive cases of individuals entering the jail from the rest of the incarcerated population.

All four people who tested positive for COVID-19 were tested prior to being booked in county jail. Two of the four individuals have since been released.

The Sheriff's Office emergency COVID-19 protocols include:

- Testing newly-arrested people for COVID-19 before they enter the intake and release center and are subsequently booked.
- Quarantining newly-arrested people in County Jail #2 to minimize contact with incarcerated people at County Jails #4 and #5.
- Maintaining social distancing among the people in custody by reducing the jail count.
- Suspending county jail visits on March 13, 2020 to protect people in our custody
- Following the Judicial Council's \$0 bail emergency order.
- Expediting early releases through the courts and working with our community partners to identify housing for people who are homeless.
- Cleaning and sanitization of jail cells and common areas multiple times per day.

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- Screening all employees with temperature checks and questionnaires prior to allowing them to enter work facilities.

During March 2020, the Sheriff's Office reported five positive cases of COVID-19 among staff. No other staff have tested positive thus far.

The San Francisco Sheriff's Department serves the people of San Francisco by administering the county jails, providing security for the Superior Court and other high-profile public buildings, and performing civil court orders. Led by elected Sheriff Paul Miyamoto, the Sheriff's Department employs more than 850 sworn staff and almost 200 non-sworn employees.

Jail Health Services is a section of the San Francisco Health Network of the Department of Public Health that is dedicated to the health care of incarcerated adults in San Francisco. Jail Health Services employs 162 nurses, nurse practitioners, doctors, behavioral health clinicians, dentists and support staff.