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TYPE OF INCIDENT: COVID-19

LOCATION: Santa Clara County Main Jail/Elmwood Correctional Complex

DETAILS:

The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office is temporarily suspending all social visits to inmates at the Main Jail located at 150 W. Hedding St. in San Jose and the Elmwood Correctional Complex located at 701 S. Abel St. in Milpitas effective immediately. Any scheduled visits from now until April 7, 2020, will be cancelled. This moratorium will last for the scheduled "Shelter in Place" Order set by the Santa Clara County Public Health Department. Legal visits (window only) may continue as scheduled.

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 in our facilities must be protected. 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, **there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Santa Clara County Jail facilities.** We currently do have three inmates taking part in a 14-day isolation period, due to a possible exposure by a visitor. None of those inmates show any signs or symptoms associated to COVID-19, but are being closely monitored by medical professionals.

In response to the cancelled visitation, the Sheriff's Office has collaborated with Global Tel Link to gift inmates two 5- minute calls per week, along with Aramark who will continue to allow inmates to order additional phone card minutes.

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