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## **For immediate release:**

While there have been no reports of Coronavirus at the Gwinnett County Jail, our staff has been working exhaustively for weeks to implement additional health precautions. Jail management has been in regular communication with county health officials and our contracted medical provider to ensure we are following the best prevention protocol available.

We have added Coronavirus screening to the medical screening portion of our intake process and educated our staff on preventative measures. We have procedures in place for staff to immediately report any suspected case of Coronavirus. While we've not had cause to do so, we can administer Coronavirus testing on-site should it become necessary.

We're also providing basic hygiene information to our inmate population and have placed additional hand sanitizing stations in public areas of our facility for the convenience of our visitors. We are disinfecting the interior of our patrol vehicles after transport to the jail and doing the same for officers from other agencies who are transporting inmates to our jail. We do so to protect both the officers and subsequent arrestees from potential exposure to the Coronavirus.

All visitors can expect to have their temperature taken with a touch-free infrared thermometer upon arrival to our jail. This procedure is being implemented for all visitors to our facility until further notice. Any visitors with an elevated temperature that warrants concern will not be permitted further entrance to the building.

Protecting the health of staff, inmates and visitors have always been a priority at our facility. We've added these additional measures to our existing procedures to help promote healthy habits for everyone. We appreciate the understanding and cooperation of our community as we continue to serve them.

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