

A Message From Your Sheriff

As the coronavirus (COVID-19) begins to have an increased impact in our communities, I would like to share the precautionary measures we are taking.

At the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, the safety of our employees and the people we serve has always been our top priority.

Let me assure you that law enforcement services will not be interrupted. We will continue to enforce laws, maintain security and care for inmates, as well as provide essential protection services to our courthouses.

On the advice of national and local health authorities, we too will be practicing social distancing when appropriate. We have cancelled non-essential community events and business-related travel for the remainder of March.

The County Health and Human Services Agency issued a directive prohibiting the gathering of more than 250 people. Please follow this restriction and all county rules related to quarantine. We ask the public to comply with orders given by law enforcement and to cooperate with the health directive.

As part of our commitment to make everyone feel confident when doing business with the Sheriff's Department, know that we adhere to strict cleanliness standards and procedures in our facilities.

Our offices, detention facilities including the visitation areas, as well as our patrol vehicles and buses for transporting inmates are cleaned daily as part of our normal course of business. Hand sanitizers, disposable gloves and protective gear are available to employees.

The Sheriff's Department operates seven detention facilities. We already have sanitation efforts in place to protect our staff and inmates. We also make handwashing a priority. We have increased booking restrictions and enhanced medical screenings during the pre-booking process to help identify those who may be displaying flu-like symptoms.

Social contact visits at Las Colinas Detention and Reentry Facility in Santee have been suspended. Video visitation, non-contact visits, as well as professional and clergy visits are still being offered.

Continue to check our website for updates on business office closures, jail operations and limited hours for essential services.

We will continue to monitor the situation. Again, emergency services will not be impacted. We remain steadfast in our commitment to keeping you safe.



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