

## COVID-19 Update from Hampshire Sheriff Patrick J. Cahillane

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### First Positive

As of 3 pm on April 10<sup>th</sup>, there is one confirmed case of COVID-19 inside the Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction. He is doing well and recovering. Two other inmates are quarantined and one staff member has reported as testing positive.

State and local health and public safety officials have been notified and my staff and I continue to intensify our efforts to manage the situation. Our thoughts and prayers are with those in our communities who have fallen ill and we wish them speedy recoveries.

The quarantined inmates were living in a 36 cell unit. There are a total of 26 inmates currently living in that unit and each person has been secured in their cell. We will reassess the situation after further discussions with all necessary parties, and after results of additional screenings have been returned.

Late in the day on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, our court system ordered the release of one of our pre-trial detainees. On the morning of Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, I received a call from an area police department informing me that the man had been found dead.

They described it as an “unattended death,” a common euphemism for a drug overdose.

My heart goes out to his friends and family and I wish them well during this time of pain and uncertainty.

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