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

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As of 11 am on April 1<sup>st</sup>, there are no cases of COVID-19 inside the Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction.

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, a seven-member team from the Massachusetts National Guard 1-181<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment erected a 16 x 20-foot medical tent on the grounds of Rocky Hill Road campus. The tent will be used to screen all employees and visiting attorneys before they will be allowed inside the main facility.

Any staff member that shows any sign of COVID-19 infection – fever, cough, shortness of breath – are thoroughly check by our medical department before allowed entry. If deemed necessary, they will be sent home and monitored frequently by our medical staff.

Also, as of 11 am on April 1<sup>st</sup>, nine individuals have posted bail and are no longer housed at the jail, and four others have been returned to the community under the strict supervision of electronic monitoring. Sheriff Cahillane has directed his team to begin identifying the next group of individuals for possible safe return to their communities based on their sentence structures and viable home plans.

“For weeks my staff and I have been working to safely return to their communities as many individuals as possible so that we may continue to protect the health and safety of those who will remain incarcerated, and those who will be working in the facility,” Sheriff Cahillane said. “The work to protect everyone will continue.”

“My heart goes out to my fellow community members who have contracted this virus, and I, and my entire staff, wish them a speedy recovery. It’s no exaggeration to say that it’s going to take all of us to help save all of us. My sincerest hope is that we, as a community, will work together as never before, even if we must do so at a distance.”