

COVID-19 Update from Hampshire Sheriff Patrick J. Cahillane

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The Promise of a New Year

As of 1 pm on Wednesday, December 30th, there are no cases of Covid-19 inside the Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction.

I'm sure that all of us are ready to turn the page on 2020, one of the most extraordinary years in American history, certainly in the history of the Hampshire Sheriff's Office. And while 2021 looks brighter, with the promise of coronavirus vaccines in the coming weeks and months, we all must continue to maintain our vigilance. That means: wear your mask, keep appropriate distance, keep your hands clean, and keep practicing the safety and hygiene protocols that we have been following for months.

Please keep your circle of friends and family as small as possible at this time when spikes are imminent.

Remember, we can do this, if we do it together.

I want to say again how proud I am of our friends in the community, especially those who helped us out with masks during our time of need. They are our Covid Heroes!

And to our entire HSO Team, their performance and professionalism during these difficult months have helped keep our population safe, and our communities safe. Please know that we remain steadfast in our commitment to safety, and healing.

Although our efforts may often go unnoticed by the community at-large, they can have a profound impact on the men in our care.

A few days ago, I received this Christmas card from a former inmate. That he refers to himself as a “former guest” says to me that we at the HSO continue to embrace everyone’s respect and dignity, that we promote a caring environment, and we show that human decency is essential for success.

For all that I am extremely proud and eternally grateful.

May we all find peace and happiness in the coming New Year.

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