

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

**January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Memo to Staff**

Copied below is a memo distributed this afternoon to all staff at the Hampshire Sheriff's Office concerning our most recent experience with the coronavirus.

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Memo: January 10, 2023

From: Sheriff Cahillane

Re: Covid-19 situation

To all staff:

I want everyone to be aware of the current Covid-19 situation in our pre-trial and housing units.

As of today, eight men in our pre-trial and sentenced populations have tested positive for Covid. These men are experiencing mild, cold-like symptoms, are in quarantine at our facility and are recovering.

Also, four of our colleagues are currently out with Covid, with two of those expected to return to work later this week.

Until further notice, I am requiring all staff, beginning today, to wear a mask while they are in the secure areas of our facility. Masking will remain optional at this time for employees in our administrative areas.

This latest occurrence is a reminder that COVID and its variants, as well as RSV and the flu, are still very much with us. As we continue to follow the CDC guidelines for our type of facility, I am asking all staff to continue to be vigilant in your personal life, as well as your work life, especially while we are dealing with a seemingly more transmissible strain of Covid. Please

continue to take precautions, stay current on your COVID vaccinations/boosters, and get a flu shot if you haven't already. As public safety employees, it is our duty to protect ourselves so that we might better protect others.

Thank you.

Sheriff Cahillane