

COVID-19 Update from Hampshire Sheriff Patrick J. Cahillane

July 2nd, 2020

Community Corrections and Civil Process

As of 3:30 pm on Thursday, July 2nd, there are no cases of Covid-19 inside the Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction.

Today I would like to offer a few words of praise and thanks to the staff of our Community Corrections Center and our Civil Process Division, two areas of our operation that are sometimes overlooked, yet contribute mightily to the safety and well-being of our Hampshire County communities.

Despite the coronavirus pandemic, and the re-construction of the CCC's new office space at 492 Pleasant St., Northampton, our CCC staff continued to provide on-line programming for probationers and still managed to move into to the new site on June 1st, right on schedule.

Moving an operation after 21 years is stressful under the best of circumstances, but during a pandemic, while maintaining vital services, that is a truly remarkable feat. To say that I am proud of the CCC staff for what they have achieved, for their dedication and professionalism, is an understatement. As we go forward, our new Community Corrections Center, in partnership with the state Office of Community Corrections, will be a critical piece of our ongoing efforts to increase our services in the community and to continue the safe decarceration process of the men in our care.

Our Judicial Process Division, also known as Civil Process, is mandated by Massachusetts law to stay fully operational to serve documents and orders issued by the courts, pandemic or no. My deputies are holding to the strictest Covid-19 safety guidelines as they serve the public interest throughout Hampshire County. Providing these vital services to attorneys and the public, while maintaining a safe office environment on Village Hill, can be stressful enough in the best of times, but during a pandemic, and considering the volume of court documents served -- 21,730 over the past four years, or 21 a day, for every working day -- our Civil Process Division has performed impeccably.

While we are celebrating Independence Day this weekend, I hope you will join me in recognizing these invaluable members of our HSO Team, who always put service to the Hampshire County community first.

Stay safe everyone.

Patrick J. Cahillane

Sheriff, Hampshire County