

COVID-19 Update from Hampshire Sheriff Patrick J. Cahillane

November 17th, 2020

Contact Tracing

As of 1 pm on Tuesday, November 17th, there are no cases of Covid-19 inside the Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction.

Recently, one of the men in the care of the Hampshire Sheriff's Office (HSO) was sent to a hospital for treatment for a non-Covid related chronic illness. During his treatment, he contracted Covid-19 at the hospital and has remained hospitalized and in isolation.

My office is currently working closely with the hospital and local health authorities to conduct contact tracing and testing, focusing on nine HSO officers who had contact with the inmate in question while at the hospital. We have tested the officers and are awaiting results. We will continue to closely monitor this situation to maintain safety.

I want to make clear that this Covid-19 infection occurred at the hospital, not at the HSO. We are maintaining the screening and testing protocols that we have had in place since the pandemic began and continue to work closely with public health and infectious disease experts. We have not had a Covid case at our facility since May 1st.

Our hearts go out to the man hospitalized and to our staff who put themselves at risk every day in the service of the people of Hampshire County. The mission at present is to keep everyone safe during the holiday season.

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