

Oklahoma County Detention Center
COVID-19 Strategic Plan & Fact Sheet

Current Situation:

- We are working closely with recommendations made by the City/County Health Department, Turnkey Medical and CDC.
- We are receiving hourly updates through the Health Department, CDC, American Correctional Association, National Commission on Correctional Health Care, Oklahoma Sheriff's Association and the National Sheriff's Association regarding up-to-date changes, and best practice solutions.
- As of 3-15-2020 The CDC reports 38 states plus DC have cases of COVID-19 with a total for the US at 3,782 cases
- As of 3-15-2020 Oklahoma has 7 cases from the following counties:
 - Cleveland-1, Jackson-1, Oklahoma-1, Payne-1, and Tulsa-3
- Those with underlying health concerns most likely to be infected, highest probability of serious illness
- **Currently no widespread "Community Transmission"**
- All states have the ability to perform the Coronavirus testing. According to the State Health department, they have tests that are being validated currently.
- Use of facemasks currently not indicated as a priority unless in a medical setting or already diagnosed with a significant pre-existing respiratory illness or condition.

Plan, Prevention and Treatment:

Sheriff PD Taylor met with administration the March 1st with the objective of coming up with a preventative plan, while continuing to minimize the fears that are associated with the COVID-19

- The Detention Center, on March 2, 2020, put out an email to the entire agency regarding information they needed to know about coronavirus, prevention and treatment, stressing the recommendations being made by the CDC and City/County Health department.
- March 3rd, the Detention Center began placing numerous posters from the CDC about the COVID-19 virus and the importance of hand washing throughout the facility.
- The Public Information Officer placed Information regarding COVID-19 on a loop for our staff on the electronic information board at the Staff entrance of the facility.
- Shift Commanders began briefing staff at line ups in regards to current updated information regarding COVID-19 and stressing proper hygiene.
- Recently we have placed signs at the public entrance asking the public if they have any of the identified symptoms to please reschedule any business they might have in the facility.
- We have encouraged staff that present with identified symptoms to stay home and follow up with their primary care physician.
- On March 5th we had a table top discuss with District 1 County Commissioner Carrie Blumert and her staff, Juvenile Center, County Emergency Management, City/County Health Department, Sheriff's Office and Turnkey Medical to discuss prevention and treatment strategies.
- Turnkey Medical has added a COVID-19 Screening questionnaire for intake of all new residents coming into the Detention Center.
- Any current residents of the Detention Center that presents with symptoms or new intake that has been exposed and is identifying with symptoms, will be quarantined in a negative pressure cell for respiratory isolation for a 14 day period, or according to the current CDC Guidelines.

- We have provided Turnkey Medical with a list of inmates that are foreign born or have family outside of this country to follow up with questionnaire and assessment.
- Turnkey Medical already maintains a list of Chronic Care patients that they are following up with due to them being a high risk population.
- March 12th the facility provided a list of inmates over the age of 70 for Turnkey to assess and monitor.
- March 5th our Public information officer posted on social media, information regarding the table top discussion and preventative measures to take regarding the COVID-19 virus.
- If we have anyone in the facility that is confirmed to be positive for the COVID-19, they would be sent to the hospital for patient care.
- If the Detention Center begins to have numerous cases, fortunately with the renovations we are doing we have 2 vacant pods available to separate those that are suspected, and those that are likely to have contracted the virus pending verification and transport to hospital. This will allow us to set up large scale quarantine areas.
- We are encouraging other agency transfers as well as transport companies to make sure inmates have been assessed at their current facility prior to transport.
- The Sheriff is currently assessing the need to ask local municipalities to implement sight and release programs whenever possible.
- Turnkey has an infection control plan that is being followed, as well as developing an emergency preparedness plan for mass quarantine requiring respiratory isolation.
- To the extent that out trips to appointments can be safely postponed, this would be optimal and would be rescheduled at a later date.
- If the situation worsens in Oklahoma County, the Detention Center and Turnkey Medical will assess any options available to utilize telemedicine in lieu of out trips.
- Turnkey will continue to assess for flu symptoms and have over-the-counter Cold/Flu symptom medication on hand.
- If an inmate is ready for discharge and is being housed in the infirmary due to symptoms of COVID-19, but originally was not sick enough to be transferred to the hospital, communication will take place with the local hospital, health department, etc. for a well-coordinated transfer.
- The Detention Center is providing information sheets to all inmates that are discharged regarding the COVID-19 virus.
- March 10th I and Major Elias with OCPD had a brief discussion regarding the Detention Centers plan and any involvement OCPD could have if the situation worsens.
- On March 11th, Sheriff Taylor cancelled all tours and large groups from coming to the Detention Center till further notice.
- If cases begin to present themselves in Oklahoma County, we are recommending a meeting with the courts (presiding Judge) for any court services that can be conducted via video.
- The facility has discussed inmate visitation, however, since the facility does not conduct contact visits and has already implemented video visitation, at this time we are allowing visitation as normal.
- GTL (jail phone vendor) has been contacted to discuss options available for remote visitation to limit exposure to the facility if the situation in Oklahoma County worsens.
- Housekeeping plans have been emphasized throughout the facility with a major focus at the front desk area which will remain open to the general public. This includes sanitation of surfaces, doorknobs, public kiosks, etc.
- Emergency plans have been discussed to include recall plans for staff, as well as our Emergency Response Team being placed on standby for the next 30 days.

- We are obtaining quotes from our vendors in regards to extended purchases of cleaning supplies to include cleaning wipes, disinfectants, and hand cleaner.
- We have provided each inmate with additional hygiene items and instructed them on the importance of washing hands throughout the day.
- The Detention Center will start playing educational information to the inmates on closed circuit TV regarding proper hygiene etc.
- March 13th Major Anderson put out a memo to the Operations Bureau regarding concerns surrounding the impact of COVID-19 and precautions to keep in mind while dealing with the public.
- March 14th the Chaplain and Sheriff decided to cancel all religious volunteers from coming into the facility. This is a valuable program which provides an unmeasurable service to the facility, however, the volunteers that are used in many cases are high risk population. OJPM will continue to provide their full time staff to manage any crisis.
- This morning, Detention Administration and the Sheriff discussed the possibility of getting with judges that sanction the weekender program to request the possibility of suspending program for 30 days.
- If situation worsens, the facility and Turnkey medical will discuss the possibility of waiving the copay for medical services.

Detention Administration appreciates the rapid response and concern demonstrated by the Sheriff, Turkey Medical, Aramark, and District 1. This is an ever evolving situation that needs to be addressed daily due to changes with new information. Detention Administration, Sheriff and Turnkey talk daily regarding new information presented by the CDC, City/County Health Department to implement new suggestions.