



SHERIFF EARNELL R. LUCAS

## Communication to the Board of Supervisors

**DATE:** January 20, 2021  
**TO:** Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services  
**FROM:** Theodore F. Chisholm, Chief of Staff  
Inspector Aaron Dobson, Commander, Detention Services Bureau  
**RE:** Monthly Report Pursuant to Reference File 21-18

This informational report is created pursuant to Reference File 21-18, requesting that the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office provide the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services with information "regarding the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) public health emergency, and updates on confirmed employee and inmate cases at the Milwaukee County Jail."

The Sheriff's Office continues to experience significant disruption to daily operations as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. All preventive and mitigative measures implemented in 2020, and previously shared with the Committee, remain in effect, including:

1. Adherence to all County and Sheriff's Office policies requiring the wearing of masks and the use of other protective equipment.
2. Adherence to public health protocols related to physical distancing and the minimization of in-person contact.
3. Implementation of rigorous preventive measures within the Milwaukee County Jail, including robust screening, testing, quarantine, and isolation protocols; single-cell housing for all persons entrusted to our care; and aggressive cleaning protocols, including the use of ultraviolet light surface disinfection.
4. Partnerships with the Milwaukee County House of Correction and the Wisconsin Department of Corrections to establish housing and transfer protocols that best serve the public health and medical needs of persons entrusted to our care.
5. Close collaboration with the Milwaukee Health Department, the Milwaukee County Office of Emergency Management, and Milwaukee County's public health consultants to optimize the agencywide response to the pandemic.

Additionally, the Sheriff's Office is coordinating with the Milwaukee County Executive's administration to offer COVID-19 vaccinations to all individuals employed by the Sheriff's Office and entrusted to our care.

The following statistics are accurate as of **January 21, 2021**:

- Persons in our Care Positive with COVID-19 19

- Staff Positive with COVID-19 5
- Staff Quarantined Due to COVID-19 Exposure 3