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Intra-Agency Communication

DATE: Thursday September 10, 2021

TO: Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services

FROM: Inspector Aaron Dobson, Commander, Detention Services Bureau

RE: Monthly Report Regarding the Impact of COVID-19 on the Milwaukee County Jail

The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) continues to respond proactively to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and specifically the new and prevalent variants. A majority of the proactive steps that were taken at the beginning of the pandemic to mitigate the impact of the virus and to protect staff members and the occupants of the facility remain in place. These mitigation strategies include: enhanced cleaning protocols, regular employee and occupant testing schedules, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) usage, enhanced intake procedures, and rigorous isolation and quarantine protocols.

We have also been vigorously pursuing continued staff and occupant vaccinations. As of September 09, 338 out of 815 individuals detained in the jail facility, or 41%, were fully vaccinated. It should be noted that Wellpath, our contracted Medical Services vendor, has vaccinated approximately 1,200 detainees at the jail. Due to the transient nature of our population, and vaccinated detainees being sent to other facilities, it is extremely challenging to keep this percentage high although we continue to educate and vaccinate all willing jail occupants.

Additionally, 190 of 331 staff members, or 57%, were fully vaccinated as of September 9. This is up from the 49% which was reported during the previous COVID-19 update to the committee.

As of yesterday, Wednesday, September 9, the following numbers are current within the Milwaukee County Jail:

- Persons in custody with confirmed cases of COVID-19 5
- Staff with confirmed cases of COVID-19 1
- Staff quarantined or otherwise away, COVID-19 related 2

