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A weekend arrest has led to the first COVID-19 positive inmate at the Franklin County Jail. In following the current intake policy, the inmate was screened through a COVID-19 questionnaire upon arrival at the Jail. During this process, it was determined the inmate had symptoms related to the virus and as a result, was tested by the Franklin County Health Department.

Due to COVID-19, all new inmates at the Jail are placed in quarantine cells, away from the general population, typically for 14 days as recommended by the CDC. If/when an inmate shows symptoms, they are tested and kept isolated from all other inmates until test results are received. Corrections staff take necessary precautions and utilize proper Personal Protective Equipment when in close contact with quarantined inmates. The number of Staff who have contact with them is limited. In order to protect all staff and inmates throughout the Jail, staff members wear facemasks when contacting any inmate in the facility,

All Sheriff's office personnel who were involved in the arrest and or detention of this inmate are strictly adhering to guidelines provided by the Franklin County Health Department. The inmate has been released from the jail on bond and is being isolated at a private residence, in compliance with orders from the Health Department.

- Sheriff Jeff Richards