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Media Advisory:

Several inmates at the Alachua County Department of the Jail have tested positive for COVID-19. Sheriff Clovis Watson, Jr. would like you to know that preventative measures such as social distancing, hand washing stations, masks, PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and temperature checks are being reinforced for inmates and staff. Today's population count is 738 and 20 inmates have tested positive for Coronavirus. Currently tests are available for any inmate exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. There are now plans in place with Corizon Correctional Healthcare to work directly with the Alachua County Health Department to provide additional testing with accurate results to the inmates that most frequently work around the grounds and within the facility.

Those that have tested positive for the virus are being quarantined in a separate area of the jail. So far, all the positive cases have come from one area at the facility and that area is also being quarantined for 14 days each time a new positive test is received.

We will continue to monitor the situation, applying best practices and providing updates as the situation develops.

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