

Subject: RE: Message from Chief Leyva-Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update
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Correction: *The days of exposure were March 4, March 10 and March 11 (not March 14).*

Thank you.

Marisa Ron, Executive Secretary

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Sent on behalf of Chief Leyva

Saturday, the Probation Department was notified that a Deputy Public Defender had tested positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19). The Deputy Public Defender in question had minimal, one-time interactions with three youth assigned to Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall on March 4th, March 10th, and March 14th. All three youth in question have shown no symptoms since their respective interactions with the Deputy Public Defender.

When the Probation Department was notified of these possible exposures, we immediately consulted the Department of Public Health (DPH) and Juvenile Court Health Services (JCHS). All three of the youth were moved to the facility's Medical Housing Unit. Two of the youth will remain in the Medical Housing Unit until the recommended 14-day observation period has transpired. It has already been 14 days since one of the youth met with the attorney on March 4th, so he has returned to his unit. As the youth are all without symptoms and had limited exposure to the Deputy Public Defender, JCHS and DPH believe the risk to Probation staff who were supervising these youth is minimal.

This incident serves as a reminder to continue proactive personal hygiene practices including frequent hand-washing and social distancing. If you feel sick, including a fever, persistent cough and/or shortness of breath, please follow DPH guidance and stay home for at least seven days or until 72 hours after being fever free, whichever is longer. If you are concerned and/or your symptoms worsen, call your doctor. Individuals who are elderly, have underlying health conditions or pregnant should consider contacting their health care provider at the earliest onset of symptoms. Staff scheduled to work at juvenile facilities will need a doctor's note for any illness related absence.

This is a difficult time that none of us could have predicted. However, as sworn peace officers we have a responsibility to ensure community safety. Our communities are in a declared state of emergency and our clients need us to fulfill our duties. Your health and safety are of the utmost concern, and in that regard we are working on implementing increased health screenings for staff and clients, as well as enhanced cleaning and sanitation protocols. More information on the health screenings will follow soon.

Please continue to check Probnet for COVID-19 Employee Information.

Be safe and be well.

Marisa Ron, Executive Secretary

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