



# Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

## News Release

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### CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMPLOYEE HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

On May 5, 2020, Cumberland County Sheriff Ennis Wright reported that 4 detention officers at the Cumberland County Jail have tested positive for COVID-19. Although there is not as yet any identified case of coronavirus among the inmates or detainees, these are the first Cumberland County Sheriff's Office employees to test positive for the novel coronavirus, and the Sheriff's Office has continued to act quickly and proactively as well as in response to these employee cases to prevent more coronavirus infections.

The employees are currently at home recuperating and the Sheriff's Office has worked with the Cumberland County Health Department to complete contact tracing and evaluate those that may have been in close contact with the employees and has quarantined those individuals as well.

We also have protocols in place, including temperature checks when entering our facilities, to help mitigate potential spread of the virus. We will continue conducting health screenings and working with the Health Department to determine if additional precautionary measures are needed and will monitor inmates and staff that may have had close contact with the employees before symptoms appeared," said Sheriff Wright.

The Sheriff reports that one of the employees began exhibiting symptoms while at home. Per established procedure, the employee alerted their supervisor as soon as they began feeling unwell, and they were told not to report to work. The employee has been at home since speaking with the supervisor.

The Sheriff's Office believes there is low risk of exposure to other employees and inmates at the jail as the officer has not been to work since they began exhibiting symptoms.

The public is strongly encouraged to follow CDC guidelines and recommendations to help prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19.

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