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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **For Immediate Release**

#### **Detainees at San Juan County Adult Detention Center Test Positive for Coronavirus**

*Aztec, NM*—Following a recent nationwide surge of coronavirus infections, the San Juan County Adult Detention Center has again seen a rise in the COVID-positive population within the facility.

As of Monday morning, there are 126 positive cases among the population and another 85 under observation following a possible exposure. There are 519 people currently housed at the SJC ADC. Of those housed, 105 have contracted coronavirus and are considered recovered, following CDC and New Mexico Department of Health guidelines.

Since March of 2020, the San Juan County Adult Detention Center has been following strict procedures in order to reduce the possibility of transmission of COVID-19 among detainees and staff. Each detainee is screened upon entry to the facility, then tested. Based on the result of the test, they held in housing appropriate to the test result. Detainees are provided with masks and required to wear them, following the New Mexico Public Health Order, as well as being provided with cleaning and sanitizing supplies. Common areas are sanitized as frequently as possible.

Staff members are screened and tested regularly to avoid bringing coronavirus into the facility.

Detainees who have tested positive for coronavirus are checked by medical staff regularly and given appropriate medical treatment.

San Juan County Adult Detention Center staff are not allowed to release any medical information over the phone. Family members wishing to check on the medical status of a detainee must speak directly to the detainee. Visits are still being handled through a virtual visitation system and remain uninterrupted.

Staff continue with COVID-safe practices, including use of PPE, and regular surveillance testing is performed on detainees and staff.

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