



Juvenile Detention Commission

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**NORTHERN VIRGINIA JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER COVID-19 UPDATES and
HEIGHTENED PROTOCOLS**

The Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Center (NVJDC) continues to take preventive measures to protect the health and well-being of our staff and residents. We have followed the guidance of the Governor, Virginia Department of Health, our local Health Departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to minimize and mitigate exposure to the virus and the potential for community spread. As of this date there have been no residents diagnosed with the virus or presenting symptomatic. There have been two confirmed diagnosis among staff at the facility. Both cases were immediately reported to the Alexandria Health Department and measures were taken to mitigate exposure to other staff and residents. These additional measures will supplement the measures already in place as specified in the previous release on April 3, 2020 and are a heightened response to protect the residents and staff. Some of the measures being taken include ensuring staff and residents wear face masks and continue to maintain appropriate social distance at all times, increased screening protocols for staff and increased medical assessments for residents. The increased protocols will also include assessing for additional symptoms and illnesses not previously cited, temperature checks of residents three times a day and documented medical assessments of all residents every 72 hours. All treatment service provision will take place via video or telephone conference.

The safety of the essential personnel that staff the facility and the residents in our care is the priority while combatting the risks associated with this pandemic. While so much remains unknown about this virus and its impact on our world; there is certainty in our commitment to our clients, their families, and our community. We will continue to be proactive and progressive in response to each challenge we face. Those challenges call for adjustment and changes, sometimes day-to-day and minute-to-minute, we will keep our stakeholders abreast of changes that impact the facility.

I will continue to keep abreast of guidance and ensure our response is in keeping with the guidelines of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Department of Health, and the CDC.

We encourage everyone to stay safe and visit this site often for updates: www.jdcnv.org

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Johnitha R. McNair, written in a cursive style.

Johnitha R. McNair
Executive Director