

Washington County Detention Center COVID-19 Management Plan

After reviewing the information provided by the CDC and Arkansas Department of Health the following provisions will be made to protect against the introduction and/or spread of the COVID-19 virus at the Washington County Detention Center.

Staff Screening:

All staff reporting to work will undergo a screening prior to entering the work place. There are two stations set up at designated work place entrances. All staff reporting to work will utilize one of the two designated entrances. Each employee will complete a screening process. The screening will identify persons with a fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater, cough, shortness of breath, known exposure to the COVID-19 virus, travel to a high risk area/country in past 14 days. Any person with a fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater) or answering yes to 2 or more questions will need to return home and contact their supervisor and health care provider for further instructions. Each employee will be required to wash hands with anti-bacterial soap prior to starting their assigned shift. Logs will be kept at each screening station.

Unless an officer has previously been screened at the beginning of shift by their own agency, they will also have to complete a screening (temperature) prior to entering the detention center.

Arrestee Screening:

All arrestees will undergo a screening prior to entering the detention center. A screening station will be set up in the sally port. Each arrestee will complete a screening. The screening will identify persons with a fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater, cough, shortness of breath, known exposure to the COVID-19 virus, travel to a high risk area/country in past 14 days. Any person with a fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater) or answering yes to 2 or more questions will need to put on a mask. The only person requiring a mask is the person identified by the screening as at risk for COVID-19. Logs will be kept at each screening station.

Isolation Precautions:

Arrestees identified as high risk for COVID-19 and are symptomatic during the screening process may be sent to the local hospital for treatment. The facility will be alerted to a possible COVID-19 patient prior to transport the facility. All other high risk arrestees will be provided a mask and a cell separated from general population to minimize contact with others. The designated health care provider will be notified and a COVID-19 test will be performed. The detainee will remain isolated until test results are received.

Cleaning Precautions:

Environmental cleaning will continue to follow the CDC recommended cleaning practices.