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Coronavirus 2019 – COVID-19

Holbrook, AZ: Sheriff Clouse and the entire Sheriff's Office staff are working hard to ensure that we're doing all we can to mitigate the spread and impact of COVID-19 in Navajo County and particularly in our detention facility in Holbrook.

Sheriff Clouse released the following: "Out of concern for the spread of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus), and in doing our part to limit the spread of this virus, I feel that it is appropriate to suspend access into our jail facilities for volunteers, clergy visits, educational visits, tours, in-person visitation or any other personal contacts outside of jail or medical staff.

The Sheriff's Office will still allow access for court-ordered interactions or legal visits for inmates. Detention staff is working to divert legal visits through video conference, telephone or other technological methods other than contact visits in order to reduce medical risks.

Currently, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our jail. As a precautionary measure to protect our officers, staff, and the incarcerated population to limit the potential spread of this virus, I feel it necessary to make these adjustments. Currently, our jail medical staff is screening all inmates being booked into our jail, along with checking on the health of our employees.

All inmates will still have access to visitation and contact with family and friends through our video visitation system already in use.

Further restrictions involving all inmate visits and programs will be evaluated weekly as new information is provided by County, State, and Federal Public Health Officials."

For more information on the COVID-19 we encourage all citizens to seek further information through the Navajo County Public Health Services link:

<https://reports.mysidewalk.com/ebaab58e56>

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