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Northampton County Juvenile Justice Center COVID-19 Update

HARRISBURG — Northampton County President Judge Michael J. Koury Jr. today announced that a staffer at the Northampton County Juvenile Justice Center (NCJJC) has tested positive for COVID-19.

County probation departments and NCJJC staff have been notified of the positive test result. Facility administration is working with families to provide information and updates.

The staff member was last at the facility on April 13, 2020. Following guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control as well as court policy, the individual will be quarantined for 14 days, must be symptom free for at least 72 hours prior to returning to work and will be retested before reentry to NCJJC.

In an effort to respect the privacy of staff, no additional information will be provided that could lead to the identification of the affected individual.

Upon notification of the positive test, the facility implemented protocols to further protect the health and safety of employees and juveniles, including cleaning and disinfecting of the facility four times daily.

Staff and juveniles continue to be monitored for symptoms of the virus however none have shown symptoms or tested positive.

Precautions against COVID-19 have been in place at the facility since March 11, when access to the NCJJC was limited to essential personnel and closed to visitors. Since that time, the facility has been utilizing alternative electronic means including video conferencing for family and clinical visitation.

More information about efforts regarding COVID-19 is available at www.nccpa.org.

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