

**Friday, May 1, 2020**

**Statement of Sheriff D. McDonald Jr.**

A pre-trial detainee being held at the Plymouth County Correctional Facility has tested positive for COVID-19 and has been quarantined, Sheriff Joseph D. McDonald said today.

He arrived at the facility on April 24<sup>th</sup> and housed in a preliminary booking/intake unit established as part of the jail's virus control procedures. Test results were made known to medical staff Thursday.

Jail officials have taken steps to identify other individuals, including staff, with whom the detainee may have been in contact. Court officials have also been notified.

PCCF, located in Plymouth, has been following DPH and CDC guidance to minimize the risk of introduction or transmission of the virus.

Medical and correctional staff remain at the facility to monitor and care for the adult males being held, as well as employees providing vital services, the Sheriff said.

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