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Statement of Sheriff Joseph D. McDonald Jr

PLYMOUTH -An employee at the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department has tested positive for COVID-19 and has been quarantined, Sheriff Joseph D. McDonald Jr. said Monday.

Results of the test, administered Friday, were received yesterday. The Department was notified earlier today. The state Department of Public Health immediately was notified.

Jail officials said they already had taken steps to identify staff members and inmates with whom the worker may have come in contact or shared proximity, he said. Those possibly affected will be isolated and not allowed to return to work for 14 days or until they test negative for the virus.

The Plymouth County Correctional Facility, located in Plymouth, has been following DPH 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 reporting to maintain vital services, he said.

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