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BON AIR JUVENILE CORRECTIONAL CENTER RESIDENT TESTS POSITIVE FOR CORONAVIRUS

Resident Placed In Medical Unit; Well On Way To Full Recovery

Richmond, VA, April 6 – A resident of DJJ’s Bon Air Juvenile Correctional Center who tested positive over the weekend for the coronavirus after exhibiting symptoms on Friday is already asymptomatic and is well on the way to a full recovery after being moved to Bon Air’s Central Infirmary.

After consulting with the Virginia Department of Health, DJJ managers, including medical staff, have implemented the following additional measures to provide as much protection as possible to Bon Air’s other residents and staff:

- Out of an abundance of caution, all units have been placed on medical isolation as staff attempts to trace the source. It does not appear that this resident had any contact with the staff previously reported to be positive.
- The other residents in the unit where the youth was originally assigned have been relocated to another unit, and the original unit will be fully sanitized.
- Parents of all youth in the unit are being notified individually. All staff assigned to the unit of the youth who tested positive are being issued additional personal protective equipment (PPE) to begin wearing immediately.
- Effective last Friday, all staff were assigned cloth masks, which they are required to wear inside the living units, any time they are in the presence of a youth, and any time they are unable to social distance with colleagues. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines now recommend the wearing of a cloth mask to provide protection for coughing and sneezing.
- Beginning today, all residents will be assigned a mask to wear during waking hours, while outside of their room.

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- Youth will be reminded of the requirement to “social distance” to extent possible at all times, wear their masks, regularly wash their hands and not to touch their faces.
- Residents will be monitored closely for symptoms and screened every day per recommendation of VDH.

Previously noted precautions will continue that include:

- Everyone is screened in the lobby before entering the facility. Anyone who fails or refuses the screening will not be permitted to enter.
- Everyone entering the building must also wash and sanitize their hands in the lobby.

“Any resident who tests positive for the coronavirus will be taken to the Central Infirmary or an alternate medical unit on campus, apart from other residents and staff,” said DJJ Director Valerie Boykin. “He will continue to be cared for by our chief physician and other licensed medical staff.” If necessary, the resident would be transported to emergency care or hospital.

For more details and further updates about how DJJ is addressing the COVID 19 virus and its efforts to protect its staff and residents while continuing its mission to protect the public, click on the link below.

<http://www.djj.virginia.gov/pages/about-djj/covid.htm>

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