## Alameda County Sheriff's Office

Santa Rita Jail 5325 Broder Boulevard, Dublin, CA 94568-3309

## Gregory J. Ahern, Sheriff

Director of Emergency Services Coroner - Marshal



Dr. Nicholas Moss, County Health Officer of Alameda County 1000 San Leandro Blvd., Suite 300 San Leandro, CA 94577

Dear Dr. Moss,

Per Health Officer Order 21-02, I am submitting the second monthly report for the Alameda County Sheriff's Office COVID-19 testing requirements. I will include information regarding updates to our process and response to the order, challenges encountered, as well as our testing performance as of May 8, 2021.

As explained in our first report: The order specified "ACSO employees working in Santa Rita Jail" as "those ACSO employees assigned to work in Santa Rita Jail" and excludes employees assigned elsewhere, who "visit the jail from time to time." In order to identify Sheriff's Office staff who would be required to test based on this description, a roster of employees assigned to Santa Rita Jail was created. Due to our mandatory overtime program, the names of all sworn staff at the rank of Deputy Sheriff and Sergeant, no matter where assigned, were also added to this list.

Since the creation of this list, the number of staff members previously referred to as our "baseline" has changed. Reasons include, newly hired staff, staff recently transferred into Santa Rita Jail, and staff member separations. The roster still excludes employees on extended leave, employees exempt from mandatory overtime (and not assigned to SRJ), or employees who were exempted from the testing process as outlined in the Health Officer order.

Our first report identified this baseline number as 1040. As of this reporting period, that number is 1052; however, that number will continue to change based on the identified parameters stated above.

Dates	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E	Column F
	# of total staff	# of staff exempted	# of staff eligible for testing (Column A – Column B)	# of staff tested	# of staff out of compliance (Column C – Column D)	% of staff tested ([Column D /Column C] x 100)
4/11/21-4/24/21	1052	83	969	833	136	86%
4/25/21-5/8/21	1054	38	1016	736	280	72%

<sup>\*\*</sup> As of the writing of this report, zero positive results are known to have resulted from these tests.



<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Data for the testing period of 4/25 - 5/8 is still being tabulated.

We continue to track our testing procedure in "14-day blocks." Although we felt this would make the testing process seamless for our staff, we continue to combat confusion related to our new testing process. As explained in the previous report, the number of sworn members required to report to Santa Rita Jail due to our mandatory overtime program, compounds the difficulty of tracking a employee's requirement to be tested. This difficulty is recognized by the Compliance Unit and by the staff members themselves. We continue to evaluate this testing protocol and will make changes as necessary to ensure compliance and provide accurate data to your agency.

Our partnership with Simple HealthKit has been extremely beneficial in allowing us to comply with the order to the extent possible. The staff from Simple HealthKit continue to be on site at Santa Rita Jail to facilitate and monitor staff self-administered testing, 6 days a week. If a staff person arrives at SRJ in need of a test, outside of Simple HealthKit testing hours, a trained supervisor will visual monitor their self-administered test.

Leadership throughout our Agency continue to push messaging emphasizing the importance of staff testing and complying with the order. On May 7th, I sent warning letters, authorized by Sheriff Ahern, to 92 employees found to be out of compliance with the Public Health Officers order (during the 3/29-4/10 testing period). The intent of the Sheriff's Office is to first warn employees of their non-compliance. The Sheriff has made it clear to staff that subsequent failures to comply may result in administrative and/or criminal penalties.

The mandatory testing program continues at the Santa Rita Jail, and per the Health Officers order our next monthly report will be submitted June 14, 2021.

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Respectfully

April Luckett-Fahimi, Captain Santa Rita Jail Compliance Unit