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716.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

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The following policies have been incorporated and continue to be followed by the Tulare County Sheriff's Office to help prevent the spread of Covid-19. In the event the scope of an outbreak does not allow for strict compliance with this policy, the Tulare County Sheriff's Office will consult with local public health officials to modify the plan accordingly.

716.2 FACE MASK AND FACE SHIELD PROVISIONS

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As previously directed in writing and verbally, all staff and incarcerated persons must adhere to the following procedures regarding use and maintenance of face masks and face shields.

716.2.1 INCARCERATED PERSONS - FACE MASK AND FACE SHIELD ISSUANCE AND USE

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All incarcerated persons in the Tulare County Jail system shall be issued a face mask and face shield. All incarcerated persons are required to wear both a face mask and a face shield any time they are out of their own cell.

716.2.2 FACE MASK AND FACE SHIELD MAINTENANCE

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- (a) Face masks will be replaced daily. If an incarcerated person requires a new mask prior to or after replacement, they will be issued a new one as needed.
- (b) Incarcerated persons are responsible for maintaining their personal face shield at all times while in custody. The incarcerated person's name and ID number will be written on the bottom of the face shield to ensure that the incarcerated persons are only wearing their own face shield.
- (c) If an incarcerated person attempts to use a face shield to inflict self-harm or behaves in a way indicating they may do so, they will not be issued a face shield to keep and maintain. Instead, the supervising deputy will provide the incarcerated person a face shield each time they exit their cell and will collect and dispose of the face shield when they return to their cell.
- (d) If an incarcerated person routinely destroys or alters the issued face shield, this will be documented and only face masks will be allowed in the incarcerated person's cell. In this circumstance, the incarcerated person will be provided a new face shield each time they exit the cell, and it will be collected and disposed of when the incarcerated person returns to the cell.

716.2.3 INCARCERATED PERSON COMPLIANCE

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- (a) Incarcerated persons are required to wear both the face mask and face shield anytime they are out of their own cells. In the event an incarcerated person refuses to wear the issued face mask and/or face shield, the incarcerated person will not be allowed outside of their cell until they cooperate with wearing both the face mask and face shield. These incidents will be documented in an incarcerated person infraction report and in the unit logbook (Red Book).
- (b) Incidents of intentional destruction or alteration of face masks or face shields will also be documented in an incarcerated person infraction report and in the unit Red Book.
- (c) In the event an incarcerated person notifies staff that they cannot wear a face mask or face shield for medical reasons, staff shall consult with a supervisor.

716.2.4 FACE MASK PROVISIONS: FACILITY STAFF AND TCSO EMPLOYEES HAVING CONTACT WITH INCARCERATED PERSONS

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As previously directed in writing and verbally, all detentions staff are required to wear a face mask and face shield, or approved eye protection, in all Tulare County jail facilities, when social distancing is not possible. Anytime this policy cannot be followed due to exigent circumstances, the incident will be reported to the shift supervisor in writing with an explanation as to the circumstances. Blatant disregard or violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action.

716.3 SOCIAL DISTANCING

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As previously directed in writing and verbally, the following directives shall continue to be followed.

716.3.1 VISITATION

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In March 2020, the Tulare County Sheriff's Office suspended all contact visitation in all jail facilities including all volunteer programs. Legal visits are conducted through glass on site at the facility, or via video conference.

716.3.2 SHOWERS

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Incarcerated persons shall only be allowed to shower one at a time in the shower areas. If the facility has a dormitory type setting or other multiple showers in one common area, only the number of incarcerated persons that can be kept six feet apart are allowed to shower at one time.

716.3.3 BATHROOMS

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Incarcerated persons are encouraged to utilize their own bathrooms in their cells whenever possible. In the event an incarcerated person must utilize a multi-person bathroom, only the number of incarcerated persons that can be kept six feet apart are allowed in the bathroom area at one time. In the event there is an emergency and more incarcerated persons have a necessity to be in the bathroom area, they will be encouraged to physically distance as much as possible and to wear their face mask and face shield if possible.

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716.3.4 DAY ROOM AND YARD AREAS

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Incarcerated persons are reminded to socially distance (six feet apart) while in the day room and yard areas and must wear their issued face masks and shields while in the day room and yard areas. Staff will continue to allow only the number of incarcerated persons out to program at one time that allows for six feet of distance in the day rooms and the yard areas.

Incarcerated persons failing to abide by the posted Red Line rules within each facility and through the incarcerated persons rules and regulations handbook may receive discipline. Any incarcerated person that receives discipline for violating the Red Line rules will have the opportunity to formally file a grievance. All grievances will be reviewed according to the existing department grievance policy.

716.3.5 DISPENSING MEDICATION

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Medication is dispensed at the incarcerated person's cell. (There are no lines to receive medication). The health care provider and Tulare County Sheriff's Office staff member accompanying the health care provider must each wear face masks, face shields and gloves as medication is dispensed. If medication cannot be dispensed through the port in the door and the cell door must be opened, the incarcerated person must wear their face mask and shield unless the type of medication being taken prevents this.

716.4 ISOLATION, QUARANTINE, OBSERVATION AND COVID - 19 TESTING

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As of July 14, 2020, Tulare County Sheriff's Office, in collaboration with Tulare County Health and Human Services (HHSA) and Wellpath, has adhered to the following plan with regard to the positive COVID -19 test results, and the prevention of spreading the virus. All fresh bookings and all incarcerated persons who have been exposed or tested positive are housed in the Isolation, Quarantine, and Observation units at the Adult Pre-Trial Facility, per the protocols below.

The Isolation and Quarantine units can house up to 97 incarcerated persons. The Observation unit can house 200 incarcerated persons. Additional exposed or positive incarcerated persons can be housed in facility Outpatient Housing Units (OPH) or in single cells within other units as necessary. In the case of a mass outbreak within a single unit, the Tulare County Sheriff's Office will isolate, quarantine and cohort incarcerated persons in accordance with. Policy 716.4.4.

716.4.1 ISOLATION UNIT

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Incarcerated persons who test positive will be isolated for 14 days and must be symptom free for the last 3 days of isolation. If they are not symptom free for the last 3 days, then the isolation period will be extended an additional 7 days until symptom free for the last 3 days. If they are symptom free they can return to general population. The Isolation Unit is a distinct and separate set of cells located in the Adult Pre-Trial Facility. These cells are located on the top tier of the unit. Incarcerated persons are only allowed out of their cells to take care of personal hygiene and

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gather supplies to clean their cells. Incarcerated person time out of the cell shall be no less than 45 minutes daily. Incarcerated persons in this unit must wear a face shield and face mask anytime the incarcerated person is out of their cell. Each incarcerated person in isolation is housed individually in a single cell. This housing arrangement has been approved by HHS and Wellpath.

716.4.2 QUARANTINE UNIT

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Incarcerated persons that have been exposed to a positive case of COVID -19 will be monitored by Wellpath daily. They will be tested at day(s) 1, 7 and 14. If all tests come back negative and they are symptom free, they will be transferred back to general population. If they test positive they will be moved to the isolation tier to begin the 14 days of isolation protocol. If at any time these incarcerated persons refuse to test, they will be extended from a 14 to 21 day quarantine.

Once they have reached the 21 day mark and have shown no signs nor symptoms for the last 24 hours of the quarantine and deemed cleared by Wellpath, they are released back to general population. The quarantine unit is a distinct and separate unit located at the Adult Pre-Trial facility which houses quarantined incarcerated persons separately from isolation incarcerated persons. All quarantined incarcerated persons are housed on the bottom tier of this unit in a single cell. If quarantine numbers climb high enough to require housing of two quarantine incarcerated persons together this can be accomplished in accordance with space requirements.

Incarcerated persons in the quarantine unit may exit their cells only to take care of personal hygiene and gather supplies to clean their cells. incarcerated person time out of the cell shall be no less than 45 minutes daily. Incarcerated persons in this unit must wear a face shield and mask anytime the incarcerated person is out of their cell. This housing arrangement has been approved by HHS and Wellpath.

716.4.3 OBSERVATION UNIT

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All fresh bookings are tested for Covid-19 upon booking. If the arrestee shows symptoms of Covid-19 at the time of booking, they will be tested and sent to the negative air flow cells or available dedicated cell pending test results. If the incarcerated person tests positive, they will be sent to the isolation unit. If they test negative they will be sent to the quarantine unit and the above listed protocols will be followed. All others will be sent to the observation unit and will be monitored daily by Wellpath. If the incarcerated person is symptom free after 14 days, they will be tested and if negative moved into general population. If at any time during the observation period an incarcerated person displays signs or symptoms they will be immediately moved to quarantine. If the incarcerated person refuses to test and shows no signs or symptoms, the incarcerated person will be moved to the quarantine unit and held there an additional 7 days. Once this time period has elapsed, the incarcerated person shows no signs or symptoms, and is deemed safe by Wellpath medical personnel, they will be released to be housed in general population.

All fresh incarcerated persons booked into the Tulare County Corrections Division are housed at the Adult Pre-Trial Facility in one of five observation units. These units are distinct and separate

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from “General Population” units. They are two-person cells. incarcerated persons are housed together with like classification and with incarcerated persons that are booked within close time frames. If housed together and booked on different days, observation is extended for the longer housed incarcerated person. These incarcerated persons are allowed out of their cells no less than 45 minutes daily, to take care of personal hygiene, make phone calls and clean their cells. Incarcerated persons in the observation units must wear face masks and face shields any time they are out of their cells. This housing arrangement has been approved by both HHSA and Wellpath.

716.4.4 MASS OUTBREAK PLAN AND COHORTING PROTOCOLS

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Mass Outbreaks withing Single Housing Unit

In the event of a mass outbreak in a single housing unit, the current guidelines set by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) will be followed to the extent practicable, in consultation with local public health officials. If the scope or circumstances of an outbreak are such that the following protocols cannot reasonably be followed, the Tulare County Sheriff's Office will consult with local public health officials to develop reasonable alternatives.

As used in this policy, “confirmed positive” means an individual with COVID-19 infection diagnosed by viral diagnostic test, which could be either antigen or PCR. Negative antigen tests in symptomatic individuals will be confirmed with PCR.

As used in this policy, “suspected positive” means a symptomatic individual who has not yet had a diagnosis confirmed with a positive viral diagnostic test.

As used in this policy, “cohorting” refers to the practice of isolating multiple individuals who are positive for Covid-19 together or quarantining exposures and close contacts of an infected person together as a group due to a limited number of individual cells.

Incarcerated persons will be isolated, quarantined and cohorted within the unit as follows:

- (a) Confirmed and suspected positives will be housed on the top tier cells and the exposed/close contact individuals will be housed on the bottom tier cells.
- (b) Out of cell time/programming will be completed by all individuals who are not a confirmed or suspected positive first, individuals who are a suspected positive second, and individuals who are confirmed positive last. This will allow adequate time for proper disinfection of the unit shared program area.

Cohorting incarcerated persons in quarantine:

- (a) Incarcerated persons will be monitored closely for signs and symptoms of Covid-19.
- (b) Incarcerated persons will be tested at days 5-7 and 14.
- (c) Incarcerated persons who are chronic care will not program with other incarcerated persons.
- (d) Generally, each cohort will have the same last exposure date and level of exposure risk. No incarcerated persons will be added to an existing quarantine cohort after the 14-day quarantine clock has started.

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- (e) Incarcerated persons who share(d) cells with confirmed COVID-19 cases will be sub-cohorted as much as practicable.
- (f) Incarcerated persons must wear masks and eye protection when outside of their cell.
- (g) If any incarcerated person develops symptoms, they will be tested and isolated away from the remainder of the cohort pending the results of the test.
 - 1. If the symptomatic person tests positive, the 14-day quarantine clock for the remainder of the cohort will reset to 0. Each incarcerated person in the cohort should be tested as soon as possible, and at days 5-7 and 14 from the new exposure and/or onset of symptoms.
 - 2. If the symptomatic person tests negative, the 14-day quarantine clock for this incarcerated person and the remainder of the cohort does not reset. If the negative result is from a rapid antigen test, the symptomatic person will have a confirmatory PCR test before being released back to the quarantine cohort for the remainder of the quarantine period. Upon confirmation of the negative PCR result, the individual will be released back to the quarantine cohort as their symptoms and diagnosis allow and will be tested at the same intervals as the rest of the cohort for the duration of the quarantine period.
 - 3. If the individual is not tested for SARS-CoV-2: the individual will remain under isolation and the 14-day quarantine clock for the remainder of the cohort will reset to 0 and response testing initiated.
- (h) Under this scenario, incarcerated persons undergoing intake observation will not be cohorted with those who are quarantined due to COVID-19 exposure.

Cohorting incarcerated persons in isolation:

- (a) Only incarcerated persons with confirmed COVID-19 will cohort together.
- (b) Incarcerated persons with laboratory confirmed COVID-19 will not cohort with:
 - 1. Incarcerated persons with suspected but unconfirmed COVID-19
 - 2. Close contacts of incarcerated persons with confirmed or suspected COVID-19
- (c) Incarcerated persons must wear masks when outside of their cell.

716.4.5 SYMPTOM SCREENING AND TESTING

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Symptom screening is provided by Wellpath at intake for fresh bookings and for all other incarcerated persons Wellpath determines who are displaying symptoms of COVID-19, or housed in the observation, quarantine or isolation units. In addition to the testing administered to fresh bookings and to incarcerated persons in the observation, isolation, and quarantine units per the procedures above, COVID-19 testing is administered to incarcerated persons presenting with or complaining of Covid-19 or Flu-like symptoms, and as otherwise deemed necessary by Wellpath medical providers based upon screening criteria and clinical judgment.

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Individuals who receive positive results from a rapid test will be swabbed for PCR testing and will be isolated per the above procedures and treated as COVID-19 positive pending laboratory confirmation of the positive result.

Individuals brought in as a detention only pursuant to Penal Code 849(b), to include those brought in, but cited out and/or bail bonded out during the intake process, and have a rapid positive result, will not be swabbed for PCR testing. However, the individual will be notified of the positive result, educated about covid, and provided resources on where to go to receive a PCR test or further medical screening.

716.4.6 CLEANING AND SANITATION

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The common areas of the observation, quarantine and isolation units are cleaned nightly using the Kaivac or Lytbot system. incarcerated persons in the observation, quarantine and isolation units are responsible for cleaning and sanitizing their cells daily. Each time an incarcerated person permanently leaves a cell, it is cleaned using the Kaivac or Lytbot system prior to a new incarcerated person being housed in the cell. Any surface touched by an incarcerated person in the observation, quarantine and isolation units is sanitized after use, including phones and showers.

716.5 REVISED LEGAL VISITATION POLICY

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716.5.1 IN-PERSON LEGAL VISITS

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Attorneys may have non-contact visits with clients through the glass in the professional visiting area of the facility. The attorney must contact the facility and request to schedule a non-contact visit.

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716.5.2 VIDEO LEGAL VISITS

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For access to video legal visits, attorneys must set up a new professional account following the procedures described on the Tulare County Sheriff's Office website at:

<https://tularecounty.ca.gov/sheriff/index.cfm/divisions/detentions1/detentions-operations/inmate-services/legal-professional-video-visitations/>

In the event that a legal professional is unable to obtain an available time slot, or their desired time slot, in the professional video visitation schedule, and that professional needs to speak to a client due to time constraints etc., the legal professional should contact the facility and staff shall

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assist the legal professional in scheduling an in-person non-contact visit through the glass in the professional visiting area of the facility.

716.5.3 NOTIFICATION TO INCARCERATED PERSON OF LEGAL VISIT REQUEST

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Staff shall notify incarcerated persons of legal visit requests and shall document when an incarcerated person declines the visit.