



Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail

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VPRJ PROVIDES UPDATE ON COVID-19 STATUS

Williamsburg, Virginia – The Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail (VPRJ) provided an update today on its status regarding Covid-19:

As of today, VPRJ no longer has any known and active cases of Covid-19. All inmates and the employee who recently tested positive for the virus have completed their quarantine period per the Peninsula Health District. All but one inmate and the employee who tested positive remained asymptomatic throughout their quarantine. The symptomatic inmate who tested positive for Covid-19 has been evaluated by our on-site physician and is no longer experiencing symptoms. This inmate has also completed the mandated quarantine period for those who test positive for Covid-19. As a result of these developments, the Peninsula Health District is satisfied with our current status, and has not suggested or directed any additional testing.

VPRJ has coordinated and conducted 637 Covid-19 tests for staff and inmates since March of this year. VPRJ has held two mass testing events. VPRJ first tested all staff and inmates on May 29, 2020. This testing event was coordinated through the Peninsula Health District and conducted by the Virginia National Guard. The second testing event on August 20, 2020 was coordinated through the Peninsula Health District and conducted by a contracted testing lab. This strategic testing event tested all staff, and inmates housed with the inmate who tested positive for Covid-19 in mid-August. Other singular tests have also been performed as specific situations required. 59 total inmates and four total employees have tested positive for Covid-19 since March. VPRJ has had a total of 63 positive cases since the Covid-19 pandemic began. VPRJ continues to strictly adhere to mask mandates, daily temperature checks, thorough and frequent cleaning, and restricting movement throughout the facility.

“I would like to thank the officers, medical professionals, and staff of Team VPRJ, and the Peninsula Health District for their outstanding work since the pandemic began, and particularly during these last few weeks,” said Superintendent Colonel Roy Witham. “While it appears we have successfully contained the spread of Covid-19 within the jail to date, we understand that this is the moment to double our efforts to ensure our inmate population and our employees remain safe and healthy. We recognize how fortunate we are that this recent event was not worse, and will continue to follow all mandates and guidance and we are committed to doing all we can to assure the health of those committed to our custody.”

As VPRJ has since the beginning of this pandemic, appropriate updates will continue to be provided to members of the public through the VPRJ website, www.vprj.net, and the VPRJ Facebook page at www.facebook.com/VaPRJ.