



COVID-19 Risk Control Checklist for Law Enforcement and Jail Operations

	ADEQUATE	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	N/A
SAFETY CULTURE			
1. Leadership is actively involved, visible, demonstrates and supports efforts to control COVID-19.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Relevant signage is posted to reinforce expected safe behaviors to control COVID-19, such as occupancy, PPE, or disinfection.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Based on observation, employees are vigilant regarding social distancing, proper use of PPE, disinfecting, and other work related practices.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Officers have been directed to maintain safe distances during interviews and other contacts with victims, witnesses, suspects, and citizens.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. There is no observed signs of disregard or indifference to COVID-19 controls, such as not following social distancing, not disinfecting shared workspaces and squad cars, or not wearing PPE.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ENGINEERING CONTROLS: TOOLS, SUPPLIES AND CAPABILITIES			
6. Disposable flex cuffs are available for temporary use and officers have been trained how to use them. (Note: regular cuffs can be a major source of germs.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Touchless thermometers are available for temperature screenings.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. There are additional controlled access and checkpoints for jail and precinct staff entering COVID-19 hot spots to enter and exit facilities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. A tent is used outside of Sally Port as an option to disinfect vehicles and other objects before entering facility.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. The supply of disinfectants is readily available. (EPA List of Disinfectants)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. If possible, fixed workstations have been redesigned to allow for social distancing a minimum of 6 feet apart.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WORK PRACTICE CONTROLS			
12. Employees are screened for symptoms upon start of shift.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Use of shared workspaces are limited in accordance with agency directives and policy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Response to calls are limited to a serious nature.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Proactive enforcement activities are limited in the context of potential COVID-19 exposure.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Considerations are in place to handle calls telephonically, where no one is in danger.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. In an effort to limit the number of persons housed in a jail that could potentially spread COVID-19, considerations are in place to avoid and limit the number of arrests for minor offenses.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Considerations are allowed for citing and releasing subjects as opposed to taking to a lockup facility.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Inmates with symptoms are tested and isolated to medical care unit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Gerstein and Riverside ¹ requirements are still practiced. Release of detainees if no probable cause hearing has taken place within 48 hours of their arrest.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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21. Officers that come out of retirement are assigned duties within the scope of their training and knowledge of agency procedures.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Incidents involving multiple arrests result in suspects being transported in different vehicles.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DISINFECTION PRACTICES			
23. Employees have been directed to use disinfectants, know how to access them, and how to properly use them.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24. Shared workstations and areas (detainee rooms, interrogation rooms, etc.) are disinfected between shifts and as needed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25. Shared equipment such as computers, telephones, body cams etc., are disinfected before and/or after each use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26. Vehicles passenger compartments are disinfected after transport of each prisoner or arrestee.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27. Shared vehicles are disinfected at the start and end of each shift. The process should include computer/MDT keyboards, all accessory buttons, door handles, and any other surfaces touched.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28. Patrol and transport vehicles are disinfected after transport of detainees.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT			
29. Officers and staff currently have access to disposable nitrile, latex, or rubber gloves.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
30. Officers and staff currently have access to either disposable gowns or coveralls.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31. Officers and staff currently have access to either N95 respirators or facemasks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
32. Officers and staff currently have access to goggles or face shields.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
COVID-19 EXPOSURE FOR OFFICERS, INMATES, AND DETAINEES PROTOCOLS			
33. Clear COVID-19 response protocols are in place for officers and staff presenting with illness.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
34. Clear COVID-19 response protocols are in place for inmates or detainees presenting with illness.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
35. Relevant law enforcement personnel can articulate inmate COVID-19 response protocols.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



*The County of Riverside v. McLaughlin (1991) case was a court case dealing with the interpretation of the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution in a probable cause case involving a warrantless arrest. This U.S. Supreme Court also used previous precedent derived from previous Supreme Court cases – such as the Gerstein v. Pugh (1975) case – to arrive at their final decision. In a 5-4 vote, the Supreme Court justices found that the County of Riverside’s practices in regards to warrantless arrests were unconstitutional and ruled that suspects who are arrested without a warrant must be given probable cause hearings within 48 hours.

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