

MEDIA RELEASE

Sheriff's Office Employee Tests Positive for COVID-19

April 3, 2020

On April 1, 2020, the Washington County Sheriff's Office was notified by a staff member in the Patrol Division that they tested positive for COVID-19. Others who worked closely with the staff member were advised of the potential exposure and are taking the necessary precautions. The risk of exposure to the general public is very low.

The staff member who tested positive for COVID-19 is currently in self-quarantine and will not return to work until cleared by a physician. Federal and state laws protecting health and medical privacy prevent us from providing specific details about individuals who are or may be impacted by COVID-19.

At the onset of this pandemic, the Washington County Sheriff's Office took proactive measures to prepare for the possible spread COVID-19. A detailed list of the steps taken to protect deputies, staff, and adults in custody is available on the [Sheriff's Office website](#).

Sheriff Pat Garrett remarked, "As is our community, we are impacted in significant ways by this pandemic. We continue to work closely with Washington County Public Health and the Oregon Health Authority to protect staff, our community, and the adults in custody. I wish a speedy recovery for our staff member. I send my thanks and admiration to all first responders and healthcare professionals who are working heroically against this pandemic, and pray for their safety as they work to protect us."



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