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The Honorable Roslynn R. Mauskopf
Chief Judge
United States District Judge, Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Dear Chief Judge Mauskopf:

In response to Administrative Order NO. 2020-14, we respectfully provide only updated information as follows:

1. Protocols for screening and testing detainees, staff, and others entering or leaving each facility;

The Queens Private Detention Facility (QPDF) is following the Center for Disease Control's "Interim Guidance on the Management of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Correction and Detention Facilities (CDC Interim Guidance).¹ The CDC Interim Guidance addresses "Medical Isolation of Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19 Cases."² The QPDF is operating as follows:

- All staff and detainees are wearing face masks.
- All staff and detainees continue to receive at least three face masks per week.
- Individuals, who are at a higher risk of illness, have been placed into single occupancy cells with solid walls and doors, isolated from the general population.
- Healthcare providers continue to monitor the detainees, and they are making clinical rounds twice a day.
- The QPDF now has 30 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Per the CDC's guidelines, when individual isolation is no longer possible, the facility has commenced cohorting.³
- The QPDF is separated into 7 large, 20 to 46 bed dormitories and an 8-cell restrictive housing unit.
- The detainees are housed as cohorts, in a large, ventilated areas with solid walls and solid doors that fully close.
- Detainees continue to employ social distancing techniques.

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/correction-detention/guidance-correctional-detention.html> (last visited April 16, 2020).

² See CDC Interim Guidance at pages 15-17

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2. The number of detainees tested and the number of positive tests;

Number of detainees tested: **41**

Number of detainees positive total: **36**

Number of detainees positive in building: **30**

3. The number of staff and/or other testing positive;

Number of staff testing positive: **10**

4. All efforts undertaken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 both generally, and in response to any symptomatic inmate(s) and/or positive test(s);

No updated information.

Respectfully submitted,



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