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The Honorable Roslynn R. Mauskopf
Chief Judge
United States District Judge, Eastern District of New York
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Dear Chief Judge Mauskopf:

In addition to providing this bi-weekly report to the Court, we are also working with our client, the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS). We are in continuous contact with the operational and medical team from the USMS' District Office and Prisoner Operation Division to ensure that our response is informed by the latest guidance.

Regarding 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 and Prevention'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 QPDF is also informed by information provided by the New York City Dept. of Health.³ 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.

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/correction-detention/guidance-correctional-detention.html> (last visited April 21, 2020).

² See CDC Interim Guidance at pages 15-17

³ See the NYC's Dept. of Health's "COVID-19: Guidance for Congregate Settings" at <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/imm/guidance-for-congregate-settings-covid19.pdf>

- Per the CDC's guidelines, when individual isolation is no longer possible, the facility has commenced cohorting.⁴
- 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.
- As recommended by CDC to increase the air exchange, QPDF deployed six 2000CFM and two 700CFM Air Scrubbers. The devices are equipped with HEPA filters that will trap 99.9% of all viruses and bacteria. Based on the volume and square footage of the facility, we expect to circulate the air within the housing units 16 times daily. These units will run continuously throughout their deployment.

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

Number of detainees tested: **41**

Number of detainees positive total: **38**

Number of detainees positive in building: **11 (27 recovered)**

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

Number of staff testing positive: **21 (6 recovered)**

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,



William Zerillo, Facility Administrator
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⁴ CDC Interim Guidance at page 15.