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NHC Detention Facility

The New Hanover County Sheriff's Office has had two employees assigned to the Detention Facility test positive for Covid-19 virus in the past 48 hours. According to the NC Department of Health and Human Services' definition of an outbreak: two or more people – residents or employees – in a congregate setting testing positive for the virus within 28 days.

The Sheriff's Office will continue working with the New Hanover County Health Department to ensure we are following the CDC's guidelines while dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic. These guidelines include:

- Everyone entering the facility has to have their temperature taken and logged in.
- Every inmate that is processed into the facility is screened by medical staff.
- Currently all employees and inmates once inside the facility must wear a facemask.

- Wait six feet apart from others and don't gather in groups.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched (like your phone, tablet, countertops and daily work surfaces).