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Agenda Item # 16
Date 9/9/20



August 24, 2020

Steve Hesper, Sheriff
Dodge County Sheriff's Office
428 N. Broad
Fremont, NE 68025

Sheriff Hesper,

This is to confirm that on September 9, 2020, I will visit the Dodge County Holding facility in order to conduct an annual inspection for the Nebraska Jail Standards Board.

Please note that Standards require policies and procedures that reflect all aspects of Nebraska Minimum Jail Standards. Additionally, standards chapters 2 through 13, requires documentation regarding jail operations. Please have the facility's SOP manual and jail records pertaining to personnel and training, detainee admission and release, classification and housing assignments, inmate management and facility security, inmate programs including mail, visitation, health services, food service, grievances and any inmate disciplinary reports available for the inspection.

Please ensure that this documentation is readily accessible as I will need to review this during the inspection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris W. Harrifeld', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Chris W. Harrifeld, Field Representative
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Nebraska Jail Standards Division COVID-19 Inspection Protocol

Facilities need to provide as much written or electronic documentation as possible. This will allow for less time on site. Examples of documentation include training documents (Initial/annual), Fire Marshal Reports, CPR/First Aid certifications, booking/admission records, etc. Inspectors are also required to verify compliance with electronic submission of data. Facilities will be required to supply staff with 3-5 booking records of current inmates in their facility for verification.

Jail Standards Division (JSD) Inspectors will monitor their temperatures before entering your facility. Jail Standards Division Inspectors will also utilize a self-screening instrument by answering the following questions prior to entering any facility.

- 1. Do you have any of the following?**
 - **Fever of over 100.4**
 - **Onset of shortness of breath or difficulty breathing**
 - **New onset of dry cough**
 - **New onset of loss of taste or smell**
- 2. Do you have 2+ of the following?**
 - **Chills lasting longer than two hours**
 - **Congestion and/or runny nose**
 - **Nausea, Vomiting or Diarrhea**
 - **Sore Throat**
 - **Headache**
 - **Muscle Pain**
- 3. Have you had contact with COVID-19?**
- 4. Have you been directed to self-isolate?**

If the answer is yes to any of these questions, Jail Standards Division Staff will not enter your facility.

In addition, to this self-screening Inspectors will utilize hand sanitizer or other types of antibacterial solutions prior to entering your facility and throughout their inspection.

Inspectors will attempt to have minimal contact with the general public and utilize social distancing while traveling. This may include best efforts to self-quarantine in hotel rooms and only using pickup, drive thru or delivery for dining options when possible.

JSD Inspectors will wear masks when appropriate while in your facility to reduce any risk of spreading COVID-19. Inspectors may also elect to use gloves or will wear gloves if requested by the facility administrator.

In some instances, portions of inspections may be done remotely using video or at a neutral location. Alternate locations may include other county property/spaces, hotel conference/training rooms, or even an outdoor venue. This will be rare and notifications will be given to those facilities in advance.

The Jail Standards Division's Inspection Protocols are in addition to the protocols your county and/or facility may already have in place.