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Seminole County Sheriff's Office Response to COVID-19 Concerns

To best ensure the safety of the Seminole County community during the COVID-19 (Coronavirus), the Seminole County Sheriff's Office is temporarily implementing changes to ensure that our resources are prioritized to continuously work on preparedness, critical action items and events, and overall safety of the Seminole County community.

While we are hopeful that the spread of the virus is nonexistent, or at least minimal in our community, we want to ensure the public we are taking action out of an abundance of caution at this time.

To be certain that our resources are focused on the areas of greatest need, you will see changes in the following areas:

- Beginning Saturday, March 14, 2020, we are suspending visitation at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility (JEPCF). While there are no known or suspected cases at the JEPCF, limiting visitor access will help prevent the potential spread of the virus through person-to-person interaction. Inmates will continue to have access to video visitation services. The JEPCF will reinstate visitation after consulting with the Florida Department of Health in Seminole County. That date will be announced at a later time.
- All fingerprinting services at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office are currently suspended until further notice.
- All public meetings and events that utilize Seminole County Sheriff's Office locations, resources, and personnel will be reviewed and decided upon individually. If a meeting, class, or event is canceled, a member of the SCSO will reach out to the organizer or participants directly to communicate these changes.

The SCSO will continue to monitor and respond to the changes the community is facing in partnership with the Florida Department of Health in Seminole County, as well as Seminole County Emergency Management. The safety of our community and our employees is our top concern. We feel that by taking these small steps, we can assist with the potential spread of the virus, without a reduction of services that would negatively affect the community.