



# What is the Baldwin County Sheriff's Corrections Center Doing to Keep Inmates, Staff and the Public safe?

## What steps are being taken inside the jail to keep everyone safe?

Frequent cleaning and sanitizing utilizing equipment and products designed to eliminate the Corona Virus occurs several times a day. When needed, inmates are provided with masks for movement within and outside of the Center. Visits from attorneys can be done through video visits, email, mail and telephone calls. Alternatives to volunteer led programs, such as religious services, have been implemented. Face masks and other PPE are available for all staff and inmate workers. Symptomatic employees are tested and, if positive, will self-isolate until cleared to return to their duties. All new arrests are tested at intake and symptomatic inmates are also tested by the Center's on-site medical staff.

## What does it mean if an inmate is in quarantine?

Inmates may be quarantined for medical reasons for a minimum number of days prior to being moved to general housing. Except in rare cases, these inmates enjoy the same privileges as all other inmates.

## What if an inmate becomes symptomatic?

BCSCC has 24 hour on-site medical services. Symptomatic inmates will be evaluated by the medical staff and tested if necessary. As recommended by the medical staff, symptomatic inmates will be isolated from other non-symptomatic inmates but may be cohorted with other symptomatic inmates. Medical will address the treatment of the symptoms as deemed medically appropriate.

## What if an inmate tests positive for CoVid-19?

BCSCC has 24 hour on-site medical services. Inmates who test positive for CoVid-19 will be isolated from other inmates but may be cohorted with other positive inmates. Medical will continue to test the inmate until they receive a negative

CoVid-19 test result. Medical will address the treatment of the symptoms as deemed medically appropriate.

### **Will inmates be released due to the CoVid-19 pandemic?**

Releases from BCSCC can be achieved through several means, including posting an inmate's bond, the end of an inmate's sentence, or court-ordered release by a Judge.

### **Is it ok for me to visit?**

At this time, all on-site inmate visitation has been suspended. Video visitation, phone calls, email and postcard mail are still available.

For more information, visit our website:

<https://sheriff.baldwincountyal.gov/divisions-details/correctionsdetails/inmate-services>

### **If a family member or friend is returning home during the COVID-19 pandemic from BCSCC, how should a household prepare to receive them and maintain everyone's safety?**

If an inmate is released from BCSCC and has been diagnosed with CoVid-19, the onsite medical staff can provide information for the inmate.

Family and friends are encouraged follow CDC guidelines for living and caring for someone with CoVid-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>