

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 (Savannah, Georgia) Sheriff John T. Wilcher has issued the following statement:

We are pleased to announce the two inmates that tested positive for COVID-19, April 8, 2020, and April 11, 2020, are confirmed recovered. The first inmate was tested due to minor symptoms. The second inmate was tested due to potential exposure. Each inmate has received two negative COVID-19 tests administered 24-hours apart.

The two Chatham County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) staffers that tested positive for COVID-19 have recovered and after receiving two negative test results have been cleared to return to duty.

CCSO continues to take precautions and preventative measures against COVID-19. Each arrestee is issued a mask and placed into isolation for 14 days. They are tested for COVID-19 before moving into the general population of the Chatham County Jail. If an inmate refuses a COVID-19 test, we will obtain a court order that mandates the individual to be tested.

The precautionary measures taken at the onset of the pandemic have been modified and increased accordingly to protect our staff, inmates and our community. Until further notice we are maintaining our pandemic procedures. We understand the desire to reopen our facilities to visitors, special programs and volunteers and we continue to evaluate the data and conditions each day. The policies we have implemented have worked well and we will not take that for granted. Maintaining the health of the jail and our community is vital. Please continue to take advantage of the online visitation, each inmate has been allotted time free of charge. For information on how to access online visitation, please visit our website: chathamsheriff.org

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