



Kern County
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Interoffice Memorandum

To: Chief Morrison
From: Lieutenant Jennings
Date: March 13, 2020
Re: COVID-19 Preparation for Lerdo Detentions Facilities

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 across the world and the recommendations from the Governor's Office and the Center for Disease Control, it is my proposal to relocate all staff and inmates who are currently at the Max-Med Facility to the Lerdo Pre-Trial and Justice Facilities. This move would allow us to reallocate staff in anticipation of staffing shortages due to an outbreak in our facilities.

The Max-Med Facility currently has a population of 94 inmates, which consists of general population males and general population females. Most of the inmates are housed in a dorm setting. The dorm setting, or grouping of large numbers of inmates, is not recommended by the California Public Health experts.

Currently assigned at the Max-Med Facility are four Detention Sergeants, twelve Detention Deputies, and six Sheriff's Aides. Once implemented, the staff will be reassigned to fill vacancies at the Pre-Trial Facility.

In addition to the staffing benefits, the Max-Med Facility would provide us a centralized location for emergency screening and housing for suspected individuals who have contracted the virus. The facility would also be used as a staging area where personal protective equipment would be stored and distributed if needed.

Due to the movement of staff, we may need to have an emergency meet and confer with the KCDOA board to advise them. We are contacting Kelli King to get her opinion.

- K. KING - NO MEET-N-CONFERENCE → "EMERGENCY"

- VIDEO ARRANGEMENT FOR FOD INMATES
- FEDS WILL PROVIDE ALL EQUIPMENT