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Franklin County COVID-19 Emergency Operations Center Press Release
COVID-19 Outbreak at the Franklin County Detention Center:
Two (2) Staff and Thirty (30) Inmates Test positive.

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Communication:

The Franklin County Health Department (FCHD) reports that (as of the date/time of this release) two (2) staff-members and thirty (30) inmates have tested positive for COVID-19 at the Franklin County Detention Center in Louisburg, NC.

Staff from the Franklin County Health Department and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office are working together to address this outbreak for the safety of inmates and staff.

Working in consultation with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS), the FCHD and the Sheriff's Office quickly implemented: testing of inmates and Detention Center staff; contact tracing; quarantine/isolation measures; and enhanced cleaning protocols.

The FCHD will continue: regular testing of inmates and staff; contact tracing, and the use of quarantine and isolation protocols in response to this outbreak.

Sheriff Kent Winstead stated that "the safety of our staff and inmates are our top priority and we will continue to work with the Health Department and follow CDC guidelines and all safety protocols as we move forward."

Local Health Director, Scott LaVigne, stated that "the early testing of inmates and staff, contact tracing, the use of quarantine/isolation measures and the wearing of face coverings and other personal protective equipment (PPE), will greatly assist us in resolving this outbreak."

The Franklin County COVID-19 Emergency Operations Center will issue additional statements as more information becomes available.



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