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NEWS RELEASE **NR20-004** **COVID-19 Update & Jail Protocols**

(Atlanta – March 13, 2020) There are no cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the Fulton County Jail system. Today, a detainee was brought to the jail whose daughter might have been exposed to the virus. He is being placed in isolation for the next 14 days as a precaution. The jail has negative pressure rooms to prevent the spread of pathogens.

Medical providers and jail staff are always vigilant to prevent the spread of germs/viruses. All inmates undergo medical screenings before being committed to the Fulton County Jail system. Medical personnel are on alert for persons with temperatures above 101°, those with persistent coughs, and other symptoms of the COVID-19. Additional cleaning protocols are ongoing to disinfect surfaces. More handwashing stations and hand sanitizer dispensers are being installed.

The public is advised to avoid coming to Fulton County Jail facilities unless absolutely necessary. Enhanced screenings are taking place at the jail checkpoints. In compliance with standard protocols to prevent the spread of coronavirus COVID-19, individuals will be denied entry into jail facilities if they answer yes to any of the following questions concerning:

- recent travel outside of the United States;
- whether they reside with someone or have had close contact with an infected person; or
- whether they have been asked to self-quarantine within the last 14 days.

All visitation is suspended until further notice at the Fulton County Jail, Alpharetta Annex, Marietta [Street] Annex, and South Fulton Annex (in Union City). The only exception to this directive will be for attorney visits, judges, clergy, medical/mental health providers and other law enforcement agencies. Online video visitation is still available at www.fultonsheriff.net via communications vendor Securus.

Thank you for your cooperation as we strive to keep everyone safe and well.