

## LOS ALAMOS COUNTY INSPECTION SHEET

INSPECTION LOCATION: Los Alamos County Detention Center

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INSPECTORS: Council Chair Sara Scott, Randal Ryti

INSPECTION DATE: 10-28-20 @ 3:00PM

<b>Inspector's Notes:</b>		<b>Corrective Action Taken:</b>
<p><b>1. OVERALL APPEARANCE- HOUSEKEEPING</b></p> <p>Maintain all areas in a clean, order and sanitary condition.</p> <p>Circle One (G)ood (N)eeds Improvement (F)ail</p>	<p><b>SS: Overall Appearance- Housekeeping – Good</b></p> <p><b>All areas were very clean and free from clutter. All areas of the facility were walked and reviewed. Storage areas appeared neat and well-organized. Overall facility was odorless. General housekeeping procedures and decontamination procedures to address risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed.</b></p> <p><b>RR: Good</b></p> <p><b>Work areas, supplies all organized, very clean.</b></p>	
<p><b>2. AISLES, PASSAGEWAYS, FLOORS, CARPETS</b></p> <p>Keep all aisles and passageways clear and in good repair, free of obstructions that could create a hazard.</p> <p>Circle One (G)ood (N)eeds Improvement (F)ail</p>	<p><b>SS: Aisles, Passageways, Floors, Carpets - Good</b></p> <p><b>As with overall housekeeping areas were clean, free from clutter, and no ceiling, floor, or wall discolorations that might result from leaks or other concerns were observed.</b></p> <p><b>RR: Good</b></p>	

	<b>No obstructions noted.</b>	
<b>3. LIGHTING</b> Provide adequate illumination for all means of access and walkways leading to all areas.  Circle One (G)ood (N)eeds Improvement (F)ail	<b>SS: Lighting - Good</b> <b>All areas observed had lighting that was adequate – no missing bulbs or other problems with the lighting were noted.</b>  <b>RR: Good</b> <b>Lighting was adequate.</b>	
<b>4. VENTILATION</b> Provide adequate ventilation to control potential exposures. Reduce the concentration of air contaminants to the degree that a hazard does not exist. Maintain adequate temperature control.  Circle One (G)ood (N)eeds Improvement (F)ail	<b>SS: Ventilation- Good</b> <b>Some recent issues with the heating system were noted. All areas of the facility were comfortable during the walk through (even without a coat or additional clothing). Additionally, in one of the cells two strips of duct tape remained from an effort to block off the ceiling vent to avoid cold air entry into the cell.</b>  <b>RR: Good</b> <b>Heating system is being repaired.</b>	<b>SS: Taken: Parts required to address the heating system issues had been ordered and it was anticipated that the system would be fixed soon. The duct tape strips were immediately removed from the ceiling vent.</b>
<b>5. EXPOSED FLOOR, ELECTRICAL AND TELEPHONE WIRES</b> Remove flexible cords which are used as substitutes for fixed wiring. Protect flexible cords passing through doorways or other pinch points from damage.  Circle One (G)ood (N)eeds Improvement (F)ail	<b>SS: Good</b> <b>No exposed cording or wiring was observed in the facility.</b>  <b>RR: Good</b> <b>No issues Noted.</b>	
<b>6. DISPOSAL OF WASTE (TRASH)</b> Disposal of trash in such a manner that a fire or health menace is not created and as often as necessary to maintain a safe place.	<b>SS: Good</b> <b>No overflow or other trash issues were noted.</b>  <b>RR: Good</b>	

<p>Circle One (G)ood (N)eeds Improvement (F)ail</p>		
<p><b>7. OFFICE FURNITURE</b>          Replace, clean, or repair defective or soiled furniture.</p> <p>Circle One (G)ood (N)eeds Improvement (F)ail</p>	<p><b>SS: Good</b>  <b>Furniture in the office areas observed, as well as in the library area, appeared to be in good working condition. In speaking with the staff and inmates regarding conditions in the facility there were no concerns expressed regarding the condition of the furniture.</b></p> <p><b>RR:</b></p>	
<p><b>8. OUTSIDE YARD</b>          Remove any items creating hazards</p> <p>Circle One (G)ood (N)eeds Improvement (F)ail</p>	<p><b>SS: Good</b>  <b>Because of the recent snow there was water on the floor of the outside yard. The procedure for assessing the condition and implementing needed mopping or other cleanup required to make the yard safe was discussed and appeared to be sufficient for assuring a safe condition for inmate access.</b></p> <p><b>RR: Good</b>  <b>Water from snow melt, and not used when wet.</b></p>	
<p><b>9. GENERAL BUILDING CONDITION</b>          Condition of building, report needed repairs.</p> <p>Circle One (G)ood (N)eeds Improvement (F)ail</p>	<p><b>SS: Good</b>  <b>All areas of the building appeared to be in good condition and well maintained. Floors, walls, and ceiling were clean and free from any staining or dirt. Shelving appeared in good shape.</b></p> <p><b>RR: Good</b>  <b>Tape in observation room to be removed by facilities.</b></p>	

<p><b>10. PERSONAL CLEANLINESS OF THE PRISONERS</b></p> <p>Circle One (G)ood (N)eeds Improvement (F)ail</p>	<p><b>SS: – Good</b>  <b>There was an opportunity to discuss facility conditions with one of the inmates (who had been at the facility for approximately 9 months) during the inspection. The inmate was asked about general comfort, safety, food, and medical care and any associated concerns. The responses indicated that the conditions were good. In addition, it was noted that the inmates were treated with respect.</b></p> <p><b>RR: Good</b></p>	
<p><b>11. APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINE</b></p> <p>Do Detention rules or policies result in excessive correction, chastisement, punishment or penalty?</p> <p>Circle One (G)ood (N)eeds Improvement (F)ail</p>	<p><b>SS: Good</b>  <b>The policies, procedures, and review processes used for disciplinary actions were summarized. It was noted that in no case was isolation used for discipline (in some cases inmates are kept apart from other inmates but this is only done to assure the safety of these individuals, as required).</b></p> <p><b>RR: Good</b></p>	
<p><b>12. KNOWLEDGE OF DETENTION STAFF ON POLICY AND PROCEDURES IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ASKED.</b></p> <p>Did the Detention administrator lay before you a list of the names of each person imprisoned?</p> <p>Did the Detention Administrator answer all questions satisfactorily?</p>	<p><b>SS: Good</b>  <b>Questions and record keeping regarding intake, care of personal belongings, response, access to internal facilities (gym, library, etc.), retention of information, and COVID-19 screening and protection were answered clearly and completely. Recent upgrades to video/recording systems that protect inmate privacy while facilitating longer-term record retention and</b></p>	

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**OTHER COMMENTS:**

- 1) SS: Visitor access and communication – appropriate efforts to assure visitor access, phone, and mail communication is made. Needed sanitation procedures for the visitor access modules to address risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic have been identified and implemented.
- 2) Access to mental health and counseling services – the importance of these services is recognized by the facility staff. As a result of the pandemic there were some short-term challenges with respect to longer term counseling services (urgent psychiatric services are available as required). While there is now a mechanism for provision of ongoing counseling services, other options (such as use of telemedicine capabilities) are being explored for the future. This demonstrates a proactive approach by facility staff to new and potentially more efficient ways of addressing services for inmates. Biweekly access to physical health care continues.
- 3) COVID-19 measures – this was an important topic of discussion. The facility and staff follow the state (and where more stringent, County) guidelines and requirements for operations. Administrative operations have been modified to reduce risk. Intake procedures include quarantine and provision of optional testing for the virus. The importance of providing well-fitted masks for all staff was discussed.
- 4) Access to and leadership by the Chief of Police – it was noted that the Chief is always immediately available to discuss questions and concerns. In addition, it was noted that the Chief was always willing to hear and consider suggestions from staff regarding potential improvements.
- 5) RR: Saw the COVID protocol visitation rooms and heard about cleaning schedule. All inmates are offered COVID testing, on a voluntary. If not tested then quarantined for 2 weeks. Currently have 7 inmates, 1 female, and 1 male in isolation. Facility is cleaned two times a day and the whole facility is sprayed once a week.
- 6) The kitchen is re-heat only, no cooking. A nutritionist from the YMCA developed the menus.
- 7) The detention center has a new video surveillance system with improved resolution and capability – e.g., pixelate private areas.
- 8) Access to behavioral health is more challenging due to COVID, but some services are available and looking to reengage with Los Alamos Family Council. General medical is available 2x a week and all officers can dispense meds.
- 9) PPE supplies have been adequate since COVID, generally a months supply.
- 10) Use of force cases [11 last year] include occasions when it was necessary to use the restraint chair.
- 11) Discipline is applied per policy.
- 12) Before COVID there was a work program with LAC Environmental Services. One inmate later got hired by LAC.
- 13) Due to COVID LAPD records is open limited hours.
- 14) Access is limited to the Detention Center. COVID practice is for staff to wear masks. Have no masks once either tested or quarantined”. COVID testing is consistent with general LAC policy.

