



Office of the Sheriff
Parish of Orleans ~ State of Louisiana

Marlin N. Gusman
Sheriff

August 2, 2021

Honorable Lance M. Africk
500 Poydras Street
New Orleans, La. 70130

Re: COVID-19 Update

Judge Africk,

This letter is to update the Court on the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office's (OPSO) current status as it relates to COVID-19. As of today, OPSO has 9 known positive inmates in custody. Currently, 2 pods are on quarantine, and the positive inmates are on a separate pod.

As it pertains to staffing, there are 7 positive OPSO employees and 1 positive Wellpath employee, all of whom have been vaccinated.

As of today, OPSO has vaccinated 688 inmates in our custody. This does not include inmates that were already vaccinated when they came into our custody. We continue to work with the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) in securing vaccines for our inmate population. We are still waiting on several results before finalizing our inmate mass testing. Lastly, Ochsner Hospital is on site today to begin testing our employees / contractor staff.

Sincerely,

Marlin N. Gusman
Sheriff

cc: Hon. Michael North
Margo Frasier