DAJD JUVENILE DIVISION RESPONSE TO COVID-19

1) Activation of Incident Command Structure DAJD Wide- Juvenile Division Deputy Director Assigned. Coordinated with the County Executive’s Office

2) Daily COVID-19 ICC Briefings via Skype, inclusive of Jail Health Services members of the ICC- Preparing a work plan, contingencies, updating emergency response plans, staffing projections in the event of high absenteeism

3) Created and distributed disinfection protocols and supplies division wide with regular re-stocking

4) Ordered respiratory health “self-check” cleaning/notification stations for the visitor entrances at all detention facilities. Awaiting arrival.

5) Instituted visitor screening protocols, script for staff, posted signage. This includes denial of access for visitors who have flu-like symptoms or have recently traveled to identified jurisdictions. Video Visitation will be offered instead.

6) Nursing and Mental health staff attended the science classes for each living hall and provided information regarding COVID-19 and discussed strategies for prevention with all youth and staff. These protocols are reinforced daily and posted throughout the institution on public health posters containing images of basic prevention practices and brief descriptions.

7) Updated intake staff screening protocol for specific COVID-19 symptoms. Nurses routinely take vital signs and check for symptoms that might warrant droplet precaution status.

8) Instituted droplet precaution protocols for youth admitted with flu-like symptoms, and established plan for housing in the infirmary for sick youth, or until COVID-19 is ruled out.

9) Provided instructions to youth avoid sharing food and instructed staff to monitor mealtime to prevent youth sharing or taking of youth’s food

10) ICC and Internal DAJD–Juvenile Workgroups established to develop plans to manage various options for programming. This includes a plan to deliver internal educational, recreational, literacy, physical activities, and clinical programs as community programs are scaled back. Juvenile Programs Manager is the Division representative and internal lead.

11) Ceased new volunteer orientations, and reduced volunteer access to key leaders in various programs, ceased new volunteer programs initiation.
12) Develop meal and snack plans with food service team to increase food items to help boost youth immunity. These include green leafy vegetables, broccoli, bananas, and oranges, to name a few.

13) Established alternative programming plans with the absence of Seattle City Schools and UPower (Physical Education and Recreation program).

14) Requesting to use instructional films and programs in the absence of teachers with the ability for youth to continue to earn school credit.

15) Encouraging parents to use video visitation at this time. However, ramping up capacity for full video visitation if in person visits are eliminated.

16) Worked with courts, PAO, DPD to move all youth on EHM to GPS, and temporarily eliminated field visits replaced by online monitoring and increased telephonic check ins.

17) Working with Courts and JPC’s to determine if youth can be released on EHM from custody, and asking Judges to consider ordering more new admits to EHM at front end, where feasible.

18) Suspended tours of the CFJC juvenile detention facility.

19) Reduced mail runs to and from the CFJC.

20) Ordered additional meal supplies for a 15-20 day supply of food, water, personal protective equipment (PPE), cleaning supplies and equipment. Current emergency feeding plan for youth and staff if required to operate in place is 7-8 days.

21) Instructed staff to stay home if sick, and authorized supervisors to send staff home who are obviously ill.

22) Authorized telecommuting for administrative staff whose duties allow.

23) Continue to monitor guidance and direction from Public Health, Centers for Disease Control, and the County Executive’s Office.