Date: March 18, 2020
To: Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention Center Stakeholders
From: Ralph Fernandez, Chief of Corrections
Subject: COVID – 19

Good Afternoon,

This communication is intended to provide our stakeholders with an initial update and commitment to ongoing updates respective to the COVID-19 virus as it relates to the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention Center.

We would like to dispel any rumors or misinformation that may have been communicated to you and confirm at this time MDC does not have anyone within the facility (staff or residents) that are infected with the COVID-19 virus.

In a continued effort to ensure the safety of all we have done the following:

- Temporarily discontinued access to the facility for all the public to include all visitors, volunteers.
- All non-essential staff will work remotely.
- All staff upon entry to the facility will be screened for signs and symptoms. They will be sent home should the situation be warranted.
- All arrestees upon arrival will be screened for signs and symptoms and addressed prior to acceptance into the facility.

We are committed to remaining transparent and intend to communicate new developments or changes as they become available.