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SCSO IMPLEMENTS DETAINEE VISITATION RESTRICTIONS

The Shelby County Sheriff’s Office is suspending visitation at the Juvenile Court Detention Center beginning Tuesday, March 17, until further notice. This safety precaution is being implemented out of an abundance of caution for our youth detainees and their families. Youth detainees will still be able to communicate with their families through free phone calls.

SCSO has also implemented new visiting procedures at our main Jail (201 Poplar Ave.) and Jail East for Women. All visitors will be asked to respond to a short questionnaire to ensure they are safe to be near personnel who work in the visitation areas and other visitors. For the coming weeks, children under the age of 18 will not be allowed to participate in jail visitation. Attorneys will be allowed the option of visiting clients by video or in person but must also respond to the questionnaire.

Furthermore, we have also suspended our more than 300 volunteers from participating in activities at all of our SCSO facilities – main Jail, Jail East, and Juvenile Court Detention Center.

While we understand this may create some difficulties, the Shelby County Sheriff’s Office asks for your continued patience as we work diligently to keep our staff, detainees, and public safe.