



YOUTH CENTER OF THE HIGH PLAINS

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The Honorable James Anderson &
Chairman of the Randall County Juvenile Board
Randall County Justice Center
2309 Russell Long Blvd., Suite 132
Amarillo, TX 79015

Re: Contingency Plan for Covid-19 Medical Isolation of Quarantined Residents

Dear Judge Anderson,

To devise a proactive plan for the scenario of a potential quarantine incident, we have consulted with Lt. Tim Lacey, director of our medical services. Lt. Lacey agreed that our disciplinary isolation unit, Pod I, was the best option for utilization as a medical quarantine unit. By design, the unit is separated from the facility with concrete construction from ground level to ceiling. The control room has a separate air supply unit distinct from the resident rooms, providing an additional barrier of protection for supervising personnel. Lt. Lacey also provided instructions for use of our limited supply of N95 masks by personnel assigned to this unit.

If it becomes necessary to quarantine residents due to symptoms of the Covid-19 virus or as the result of confirmed positive test, we will utilize Pod I for medical isolation.

Our administrative team respectfully requests preemptive approval from the Randall County Juvenile Board to authorize revised TAC 343 room check and supervision requirements to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. Specifically, we would ask that staff not be required to conduct room checks at the resident's door and limit their contact with a quarantined detainee to a minimum. Pod I is equipped with cameras in each room along with two-way audio; which is controlled and monitored from the Pod I control room. There are 6 single capacity cells available in this unit. The unit is also equipped with a shower.

This is our best option for supervision of quarantined youth within the Youth Center. A staff shortage affected by cross contamination would be detrimental to the continued operation of the facility.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Neil Eddins".

Neil Eddins
Deputy Chief Facility Administrator

Cc: Mark Williams, TJJD
Tim Lacey, Randall County Medical