

Harris County Jail Suspends Inmate Visitation to Prevent Coronavirus Outbreak.

This week, Harris County was placed under a public health disaster declaration due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. To prevent the potential spread, the visitation to Harris County Jail will be suspended until further notice. The measures are being put into effect to protect our staff and inmates.

The suspension will be effective, **Saturday, March 14, 2020.**

Attorney-client interviews and other essential visits will not be affected. In order to assure family and friends are being able to communicate with their love ones, a free calling program will be implemented for our facilities.

- Securus will offer each inmate two free calls per week for the next 30 days.
- The phone platform would re-set each week.
- The calls will be the same standard length that inmates have now.
- To set up an account with Securus you need to know the inmate's SPN number, you can also visit https://www.harriscountysoc.org/JailInfo/inmate_info_inmate_phonecalls.aspx or call Securus at 1-800-844-6591.

Inmates housed at the Joint Processing Center (JPC) will have the option to do video visitations – this service is only available for inmates housed at the JPC.

The public can do it from home using a home computer and a webcam, from Monday thru Friday from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. To obtain more information about our off-site video visitation please visit https://www.harriscountysoc.org/JailInfo/inmate_info_inmate_visitation.aspx.

The Harris County jail system has experienced epidemics in the past and that experience has prepared the jail. We are screening all new inmates in the booking process at the JPC, which counts with a full clinic. The jail has COVID-19 test kits to screen inmates in-house. We have also set aside four quarantine tanks.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause, but the health of our staff, inmates and community is our priority.

Address/Location

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