



University of Kentucky
Police Department

March 24, 2020

ATTN: Kentucky Chiefs and Sheriffs

RE: Eastern State Hospital

Dear Colleagues:

Due to the current situation with the spread of the COVID-19 virus, I wanted to share the temporary changes to the patient intake process. Effective immediately all patients being transported to Eastern State Hospital will be screened for the Covid-19 virus prior to the individual being allowed into the building. The screening will take place while the patient is still in the officer's transport vehicle. The process will be as follows:

Upon arrival at the facility Officers should follow the normal procedure and report to the Admissions Entrance.

- The officer should exit the vehicle and walk up to the entrance and notify security via intercom that they are there to drop off a patient. The patient should remain in the vehicle.
- Medical staff will arrive at the vehicle and do a brief questionnaire with the patient and take their temperature.
- If the patient checks out fine, they will be brought into the facility using the normal admissions process.
- Officers who are transporting patients that need further screening, or who are showing symptoms, or who are known to have previously tested positive for the COVID-19 virus will then be directed to the Southern Employee Entrance of the building where the patient will be brought into the facility for housing in the temporary COVID-19 unit.

This will cause a slight increase in the amount of time officers will spend when transporting patients that they have placed in an Emergency Detention. This is a new process and it will likely take a little while for everyone to adjust. We appreciate everyone's cooperation as we implement these changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Monroe".

Joseph Monroe
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