

# Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Public Service Announcement

### Sheriff Jim Neil Implements Limited Response Procedure and Cite and Release of Arrested Individuals

**Cincinnati Ohio, March 16, 2020** – After extensive communication with the Hamilton County Health Commissioner, Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil is implementing a Limited Reporting Procedure (LRP) and a Non-Emergency Crime Reporting Procedure (NECRP) until further notice. The LRP and NECRP will limit personal contact and possible exposure to our citizens and deputies.

Sheriff's Deputies will have limited response to certain calls for service, prioritizing responses to those reported crimes that are necessary to protect the public. Priority will be given to crimes in progress, crimes of violence, crimes requiring the collection of evidence and structure fires. Deputies will only respond to auto accidents when a person is injured, vehicle blocking traffic way requiring a vehicle tow, or any other unusual circumstances. Drivers involved in minor accidents should exchange information or respond to the nearest Sheriff Enforcement District to file a report. Drivers have 72-hours to report these incidents.

The Hamilton County Jail Services Division has taken the following precautionary measures to protect our deputies, citizens, and inmates.

- Suspended all inmate visits with family and friends.

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- Suspended all Sunday Church Services.
- Suspended all contact visits with professionals such as attorneys.
- To prevent the virus from entering the jail, “Process Only” procedure will be reinstated which includes non-violent felony offenders.
- All services and programs have been suspended including fingerprint services, back-ground security checks, and carry conceal gun permits.
- Any new arrest/commit that is exhibiting symptoms will be masked immediately and will be monitored by the Medical Health Care Provider.
- Any general population inmates who develop symptoms will be treated by our medical team and quarantined to his or her cell.

Sheriff Jim Neil is taking proactive precautionary measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus within the inmate population, the general public, as well as the employees of Hamilton County.

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