

Cumberland County
New Jersey

Resolution
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Resolution Mandating that the Cumberland County Department of Corrections Mandate Weekly Testing for Covid-19 as to Corrections Officers and Civilian Employees, Establish Protocols for Access to Weekly Testing as to Corrections Officers, To Publish Weekly to the Public Data as to Covid-19 Testing Concerning Corrections Officers and Inmates, and to Implement a Policy of Aggressive Tracing as to any Positive Test.

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WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020 the State of New Jersey through Governor Phil Murphy issued Executive Order 103 proclaiming a statewide public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, since that date numerous Cumberland County Corrections Officers have been deemed essential employees working with a conscientious and industrious fervor to combat the pandemic of the coronavirus without the ability to exercise all of the CDC recommended guidelines for social distancing due to the nature of the work required of them; and

WHEREAS, these essential Cumberland County Employees have courageously placed their own health at risk and, in some cases, contracted Covid-19, by personally addressing and responding to the direct emergency and critical needs of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County Board of Chose Freeholders wishes to protect the health of these dedicated Employees to the best degree they can under the circumstances; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, as follows:

1. The Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders mandates that the Cumberland County Department of Corrections implement a program of immediate mandatory testing of all law enforcement officers and civilian employees.
2. The Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders mandates that the Cumberland County Department of Corrections create immediate reasonable access to said mandatory testing by all law enforcement officers and civilian employees at no expense or cost to the employee at one or more reasonably located sites.
3. The Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders mandates that the Cumberland County Department of Corrections create immediate reasonable mandatory testing of all inmates within 30 days of the date of this Resolution.
4. The Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders mandates that the Cumberland County Department of Corrections, in order to maintain transparency with the tax paying public make available publicly on a weekly basis: (a) the number of corrections officers who have tested positive for Covid-19, (b) the number of inmates who have tested positive for Covid-19, (c) the number of inmates who have been tested for Covid-19 in a given week, (d) the number of civilian employees who have tested positive for Covid-19, (e) the number of corrections officers and civilian employees who are currently out of work either due to a positive test or an order to self-quarantine, and (f) the number of corrections officers and civilian employees who have returned to work following either a positive test or an order to self-quarantine. Said reporting shall be as to raw numbers only and shall not include any names or other identifying information about the involved corrections officers, civilian employees, or inmates.
5. The Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders mandates that the Cumberland County Department of Corrections designate one or more Superior Officers as a "Tracing Czar" who shall be tasked with the duties and responsibilities of immediately and aggressively undertaking to investigate all contacts that any corrections officer, civilian employee, or inmate who has either tested positive for Covid-19 or been ordered to self-quarantine had within the Cumberland County Corrections Facility in the 14 days prior either the positive test for Covid-19 or the order to self-quarantine.

6. The Cumberland County Board of Chosen Freeholders mandates that the Cumberland County Department of Corrections make available to the designated "Tracing Czar" all resources necessary to carry out the task set forth in Paragraph 4 of this Resolution.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders held at _____ on _____ at _____ am/pm prevailing time.