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**\*\*\*Media Statement\*\*\*  
COVID-19 Response at FCC Lompoc**

Lompoc, CA: The Federal Bureau of Prisons has been coordinating COVID-19 response efforts using subject-matter experts both internal and external to the agency, including guidance and directives from the World Health Organization (WHO), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), the Department of Justice (DOJ), and the Office of the Vice President.

The Federal Correctional Complex (FCC) in Lompoc, California, is following the multi-agency guidance and is actively working with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department and local hospitals to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 for both staff and inmates. Prior to reporting its first case of COVID-19 on March 26, 2020, FCC Lompoc has followed the CDC's best practices for correctional and detention facilities, and immediately comported as guidance became available to stem the spread of the virus within the Complex.

To alleviate the strain on local hospitals and the community, FCC Lompoc is negotiating a contract for an on-site mobile hospital equipped with hospital beds and medical personnel. The mobile hospital will be stationed inside a decommissioned factory within the confines of the medium-security component of the Complex, where the majority of COVID-19 cases are located. The Army Corps of Engineers completed an infrastructure assessment last week and contractors conducted a site visit today. In preparation for the hospital installation, FCC Lompoc staff retrofitted 10 offices within the space to accommodate double-occupancy negative pressure rooms for the more serious cases.

Staff continue to follow a comprehensive management approach to infection prevention and control. This includes educating staff and inmates on cleaning/disinfecting and hygiene practices; furnishing soap and cleaning supplies throughout the Complex in common areas, restrooms, work sites, and inmate cells; screening 100% of all personnel entering the institutions, including symptoms and temperature checks; testing inmates when clinically indicated, following isolation and quarantine protocols in accordance with CDC and public health directives, and providing clinical care for confirmed and suspected cases. To further protect the public, all inmates releasing to the community are quarantined for 14 days and screened prior to their scheduled departure. For court orders requiring immediate release, inmates are screened prior to release.

FCC Lompoc has an ample supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Staff are provided the appropriate level of PPE when entering isolation/quarantine units and during enhanced staff screenings (i.e., masks, gown, eye protection, gloves). Cloth face-coverings were issued to all staff and inmates, and CDC informational flyers are posted throughout the Complex on hand washing, coughing/sneezing in a sleeve or tissue, and no physical contact.

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As part of a nationwide system, we are able to leverage and transfer resources from other institutions. To date, over 60 medical and non-medical staff resources were deployed to FCC Lompoc to assist with security for the inmate population; clinical care, administrative oversight, and facility modifications for the mobile hospital.

In following the Attorney General's directives, staff are identifying and reviewing inmates for release to home confinement. Inmates do not need to apply for home confinement consideration. Case management staff are reviewing all inmates to determine which ones meet the criteria established by the Attorney General.

FCC Lompoc continues to be deeply concerned for the health and welfare of inmates entrusted to our care and for the staff who live in the surrounding communities. Our staff are vested in ensuring public safety and continue to diligently and safely carry out their responsibilities. Our highest priority continues to be mitigating the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

The Bureau of Prisons will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at [www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp](http://www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp)

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