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Miami County Board of Commissioners
201 W. Main St.
Troy, Ohio 45373

ATTN: County Administrator Charlotte Colley

Dear Ms. Colley & Miami County Commissioners,

My staff and I have tried to quantify as best we could the added time corrections officers and deputy sheriffs have added to their daily schedules due to COVID. The below bullet points reference additional duties corrections officers and deputy sheriffs have taken on since March, 2020 because of COVID.

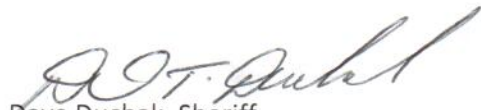
Our best, conservative effort, is that corrections officers spend 20% of their daily duties on issues related to COVID while deputy sheriffs spend 15% of their daily duties on issues related to COVID.

- COVID intake screening by staff on each inmate coming into our facilities (avg. between 2500-3000 bookings per year)
- Professional visitors, attorneys, probation, teachers, clergy, evaluators, etc. all have to be screened prior to entering each facility
- Housing: Additional time, hours each day, is spent looking at housing for inmates, in efforts to not put new inmates in the same cell blocks with inmates who have been established as COVID-free, looking at single holding cells for new inmates or for COVID-positive inmates, counting the days each inmate has been in the downtown facility before they can be moved to the IF as we try to have 8-10 days of incarceration DT before moving them, multiple housing moves in efforts to keep the positive numbers low
- Extra time spent by COs on the phone with medical staff, in the clinic with inmates and medical staff, with administration looking for advice and reviewing each case, each time an incident happens
- Additional time spent conferring with the Health Department on COVID cases, mass testing, individual testing, reporting positive cases

- Extra time spent speaking with Health Department about inmates who claim to be on quarantine in efforts to get out of jail
- Extra time spent on the phone with the Health Department checking on inmates who claim to have had their 1st vaccination but still need 2nd dose while incarcerated
- Additional medical time and CO time spent assisting in coordination and administration of 1st and 2nd inmate vaccines
- Deputies disinfecting cruisers and office space on daily basis
- Extra inmate transports to and from the hospital and extra time guarding inmates at the hospital for COVID symptoms and COVID treatment
- Extra transfers between jails where inmates would normally be direct intakes to the IF after going through the body scanner
- Additional time spent emailing about, calling to order and picking up COVID supplies
- Additional time for COs to run video courts, video probation appointments, video public defender appointments
- Additional staff time (3-20 hrs. per week) running tablets and sitting with inmates for mental health evaluations in both jails

I hope this information has been beneficial. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Dave Duchak, Sheriff
Miami County