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The Office of the Winnebago County State's Attorney has been contacted by many individuals expressing concern for the safety of individuals incarcerated in the Winnebago County Jail as well as individuals who may be arrested or detained in the future. In response to these concerns, please be advised that the Winnebago County Jail has instituted mitigation efforts in response to Covid-19 which has substantially decreased the jail population while maintaining the safety of the residents of Winnebago County. These measures include the following:

- Medical personnel screen inmates at the time of entry into the jail pursuant to CDC approved questionnaire.
- The Winnebago County Jail has procedures in place for any responses to COVID-19 symptoms at the time of screening.
- Upon intake into the jail there is a quarantine protocol in place to prevent contact with other inmates.
- The Winnebago County Jail has medical staff on duty 24 hours a day 7 days a week and includes medical staff.
- The Winnebago County Jail has procedures for screening staff for Covid-19 and inmates are issued personal protective equipment including masks and gloves.

The above mentioned efforts are in place to protect the incarcerated inmates, Winnebago County Sheriff personnel as well as all law enforcement peace officers working to protect our community. Your understanding of this process during these concerning times is appreciated.

~ Marilyn Hite Ross, Winnebago County State's Attorney, "Although we have been under a stay at home order, there has not been a moratorium on criminal activity. We have individuals who are violating the Governor's stay at home order and those who commit crimes in our community will continue to be arrested."