



News from the Shelby County Sheriff's Office

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Sheriff's Staff Taking Flu Precautions

Precautions are being taken to help ensure the health of Sheriff's Office employees and inmates housed at the two Shelby County Jail facilities, the men's jail at 201 Poplar Avenue and the women's jail in east Memphis at 6201 Haley Road.

"Deputy Sheriffs, Corrections Deputies and other staff already use gloves and personal protection clothing when they come into contact with suspects or jail inmates who are ill. Commanders have reminded our staff about the sometimes deadly effects of the H1N1 (Swine) Flu," said Shelby County Sheriff Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

All inmates entering the Shelby County Jail routinely receive medical screenings. Those in jail for several days receive physical examinations. Jailers and medical clinic employees are closely watching inmates to spot any signs of the disease.

Sheriff Luttrell and division chiefs continue to monitor around-the-clock developments about the flu. Should suspicious illnesses be noted, the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department and Shelby County Office of Preparedness will be contacted.

"So far, our staff has not come into contact with any persons displaying symptoms of the H1N1 (Swine) Flu. We continue to be on alert," added Sheriff Luttrell.

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