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Press Release
Inmates vaccinated for COVID-19
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Release from Sheriff Brad Swain

Fifty-four inmates requested and received the Johnson and Johnson vaccination for the COVID-19 virus yesterday. Injections were given at the Monroe County Public Health Clinic. The vaccine was provided by the Indiana Department of Health. One jail staff member also accepted a vaccination.

This vaccination program had been scheduled to begin April 29th, many weeks ago. The pause for review of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine did not affect the planned treatment date.

One inmate made a late evening medical complaint of chills and headache, which medical staff provided treatment for. This morning, the inmate reported the symptoms had passed.

Sheriff Brad Swain and Jail Commander Crowe have planned to announce to inmates that those who are vaccinated shall receive a fifteen-dollar credit on their individual commissary accounts. The jail commissary provides snacks, beverages, and optional hygiene products, beyond what is provided by the Jail.

The program will continue for present and newly arrived inmates. Jail medical staff will administer the vaccine. The Indiana Department of Health has made themselves available should a large number of requests arise from the incentives being offered.

Advanced Correctional Health, the medical provider for Monroe County Jail and the Sheriff's Office, hope to have set a goal to have at least half the present jail population (120 inmates) protected against COVID. With the support of the Monroe County Health Clinic, which will keep a supply of vaccines specifically for inmates, to ensure treatment will be available on a weekly basis.