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MEMORANDUM

Laurie Smith
Sheriff

DATE: March 9, 2021

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Laurie Smith, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Off Agenda Report Regarding the COVID-19 Dashboard on the Sheriff's Office Website

As a means of sharing information with staff and the public regarding COVID-19 in the jails, the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office created an information portal at the start of the pandemic. The portal, located on its website, contains staff and media communications; informative videos, and a data dashboard. The data dashboard has been a useful tool to share caseload and testing information for both staff and inmates with the Board of Supervisors, interested stakeholders, and the public.

The [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) webpage has graphical information. The top graph provides information on the number of active COVID-19 cases among the Sheriff's Office staff. The bottom graph is a series of graphs with details about COVID-19 among inmates. There are three buttons located in the heading of the bottom graph titled Active Cases in Custody, Tests, and Cases. One can toggle between three different sets of graphical information related to inmates by clicking on these buttons. The information on the Active Cases in Custody graph provides the number of active cases in custody each day whereas the Cases graph provides the number of new cases each day. The Test graph shows how many positive and negative test results were received daily as well as the daily positivity rate. All graphs are interactive so when a cursor is pointed to a specific data point, a window will pop up with specific details with data from that date.

The COVID-19 Dashboard webpage has been a useful tool for elected officials and members of the public and press to gain insight into the extent of COVID-19 cases in the jails throughout the pandemic. Supervisor Ellenberg has requested that the Sheriff's Office add updates to the dashboard to indicate whether cases were identified during booking or in a housing unit. The Sheriff's Office will have the IS Team add this information.

cc. Dr. Jeff Smith, County Executive; James Williams, County Counsel; Megan Doyle; Clerk of the Board