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DATE: July 24, 2020

TO: Honorable Susan Ellenberg, Chairperson

FROM: Laurie Smith, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Jail Reform Referrals, **Off Agenda Report Item #235:**

Report relating to the Covid-19 Investigative Unit

At the May 5, 2020 Board of Supervisor's meeting, Chairperson Ellenberg requested that the Office of the Sheriff provide a report relating to organizations with whom the Covid-19 Investigative Unit is consulting to develop and review strategies; how the unit's efforts will be sustained and iterated over time; whether unit work includes juvenile facilities; and, how the unit interacts with the Office of Emergency Services.

The Covid-19 Investigation Unit consults with Custody Health and Public Health to develop and review strategies pertaining to contact tracing efforts and defining exposure protocols for case management.

The Covid-19 Investigation Unit efforts will be sustained and iterated over time by cross training staff on contact tracing, exposure protocols and the collaboration with Custody Health and Public Health.

The Covid-19 Investigation Unit contact tracing efforts do not include juvenile facilities as they fall under the management of the Juvenile Probation Department.

The Covid-19 Investigation Unit works with the Office of Emergency Services as requested to provide guidance and information on contact tracing efforts.