

Memo: COVID-19 Prevention Procedures

From: Virginia Sheriffs' Association and Virginia Association of Regional Jails

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This memo is being sent to all sheriff run jails and regional jails from their respective organizations in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 by suggesting increasing communications prior to inmate transports with emphasis on video conferencing.

In order to prevent the unnecessary spread of the coronavirus, the VSA and the VARJ are recommending that all agencies, both Sheriff Offices and Regional Jails communicate with each other prior to transporting individuals between facilities. The goal of this open line of communication is to not only reduce the chance of spreading the virus to our incarcerated population but to protect our staff, those that are transporting and those inside our jails. The availability of video conferencing equipment would be vital information to have which may allow the individual the chance to have an advisement or bond hearing with the charging jurisdiction therefore preventing a transport.