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Lewis and Clark County Detention Center
221 Breckenridge St
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Re: ACLU Request for Public Records Regarding COVID-19 Response at Lewis and Clark County Detention Center

To whom it may concern:

Pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 2-6-1003, the ACLU of Montana respectfully requests the following records from the entities provided below, in electronic format unless only available in paper. Note that this request does not seek information protected by HIPAA or otherwise containing personally identifying information.

1. The current population of incarcerated individuals in the Lewis and Clark County Detention Center (“LCDC”).
2. The current capacity of LCDC.
3. The number of cells, rooms or dwelling units currently occupied by more than one individual at LCDC.
4. All documents reflecting the number of COVID-19 tests administered at the LCDC, including the date administered and the result.
5. All documents reflecting any measures undertaken by LCDC to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$100. Based upon a fuller description of the available records, I may elect to designate only certain records for copying and production.

If you expect a significant delay in responding to or in fulfilling this request, please contact the below email address with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

We ask that any questions, responses or records produced please be directed to this email address: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

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Please contact me should you have any questions regarding this request. Please provide your responses as soon as possible, but in any event no later than 14 days following receipt of this request. We look forward to your response and thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

/s/ Alex Rate
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