



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** Hernando County Detention Center Inmates Receive COVID-19 Vaccinations

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Maintaining a healthy inmate population remains a priority at the Hernando County Detention Center.

Prior to arrest and incarceration, consistent access to health care services is a challenge faced by many of the inmates at the detention center. Things change when a person becomes an inmate at the Hernando County Detention Center. Inmates receive regular and on-going care from the physician and medical staff during their incarceration.

Being that COVID-19 vaccinations are now available to all Hernando County residents (without age restrictions), the vaccinations were offered to the entire inmate population of 668.

On 04-22-2021 vaccinations were administered by the medical staff at the Hernando County Detention Center, to the 89 inmates who requested to be vaccinated. Vaccinations will be available to any inmate who requests same, going forward.

Second doses of the vaccine will be provided for those inmates who are still in the detention center. If an inmate has been released, he or she will be responsible to contact the DOH/Hernando to receive the second vaccination.

#### ***The Office of Sheriff:***

***The Office of the Sheriff is established by the Florida Constitution. As a constitutional officer, the Sheriff has the exclusive authority to administer his or her agency and is responsible for preserving the peace throughout the entire county, carrying out the laws of the state, the orders of Florida courts, and the ordinances of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement and correctional officer of the county.***

***Sheriff Al Nienhuis was initially appointed as the Sheriff of Hernando County by the Governor in January of 2011. He was then elected by the people of Hernando County in 2012, ran unopposed in 2016, and was re-elected in 2020. Sheriff Nienhuis remains accountable to the people of Hernando County.***