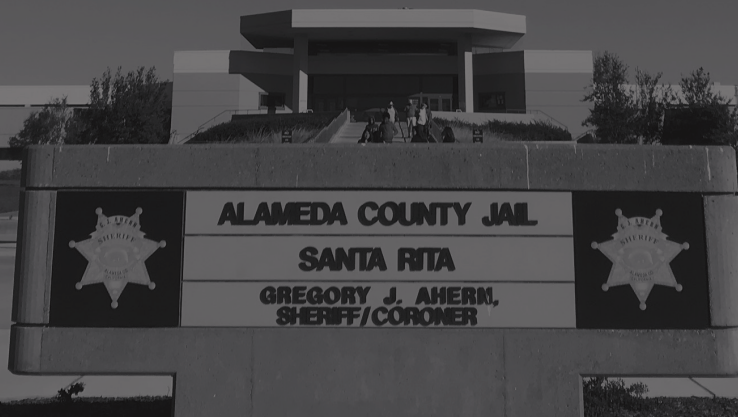


# SANTA RITA JAIL WEEKLY UPDATE

*MARCH 22–MARCH 28, 2021*



**STATISTICS AS OF MARCH 28, 2021.**

**NOTE: GIVEN THE LOW TESTING RATE, ALL COVID-19 CASE NUMBERS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED UNDERESTIMATIONS**

**2226**

**JAIL POPULATION**

**569**

**TOTAL NUMBER OF  
POSITIVE COVID-19  
TESTS SINCE APRIL**

**7**

**TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW  
POSITIVE COVID-19  
TESTS IN PAST WEEK**

**16%**

**OF JAIL POPULATION  
TESTED IN PAST WEEK\***

**6**

**PEOPLE WITH  
COVID-19  
("DARK RED")**

**5**

**PEOPLE WITH  
COVID-19 SYMPTOMS  
("RED")**

**6**

**NUMBER OF HOUSING  
PODS QUARANTINED  
THIS WEEK\*\***

**6**

**NUMBER OF HOUSING  
PODS UNDERGOING SERIAL  
TESTING THIS WEEK\***

## **NOTES ON STATISTICS**

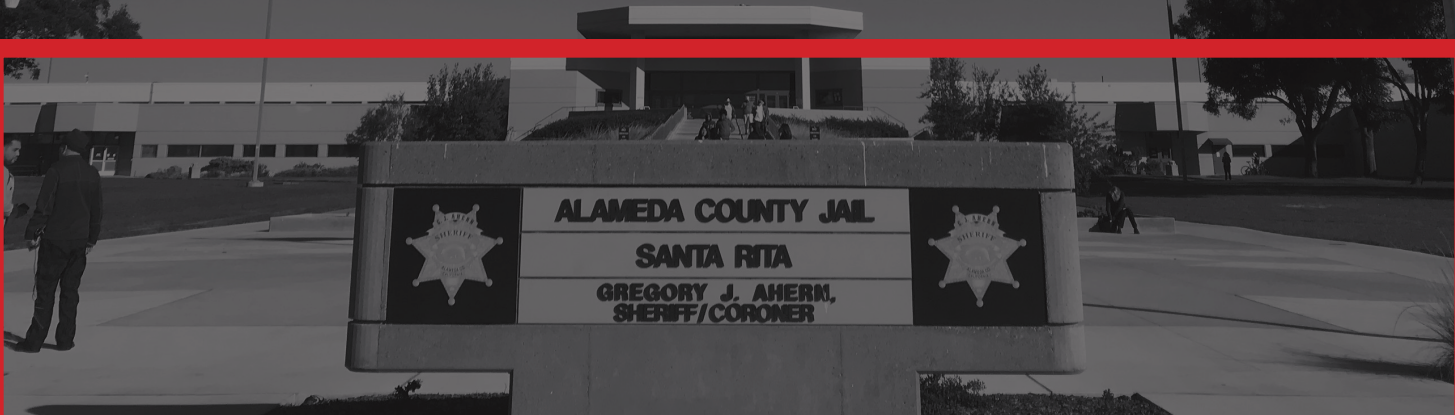
\* Santa Rita Jail's testing rates are currently much higher during previous outbreaks due to the implementation of serial testing. During previous outbreaks, an average of 7-10% of the jail population was tested within any given week. Serial testing means that some individuals will be tested multiple times, with instances occurring every seven days after mass testing.

\*\* Housing Units in Santa Rita Jail have been quarantined repeatedly, some numerous times just in one month. This causes stress and anxiety, results in canceled court dates, and reduces people's contact with their legal and emotional support systems.

For more complete statistics and COVID-19 quarantines, please visit [bit.ly/SRJCOVID-19](https://bit.ly/SRJCOVID-19).

For information about the Santa Rita Jail Hotline, please contact [srjhotline@nlgsf.org](mailto:srjhotline@nlgsf.org).

For more information about the SRJ Solidarity Weekly Updates and testimony-gathering project, please contact [info@srjsolidarity.org](mailto:info@srjsolidarity.org).



## ***ACTION NEEDED: SUPPORT A COMMUNITY MEMBER IN NEED OF DENTAL CARE!***

**D**ental pain is excruciating – it goes right into your brain. Prisoners at Santa Rita Jail are often forced to wait for months to see a dentist. During that time, infections set in and the prisoner may be unable to eat or sleep. Santa Rita Jail's response is merely to hand out a few daily Tylenol. To make matters worse, Wellpath and SRJ offer minimal preventative care, and make no effort to save prisoners' teeth. Their response is simply to pull the teeth, leading to more serious health issues in the future.

**Michael Lockhart is currently one of those prisoners. Michael, aged 61, is currently housed in Santa Rita Jail for a resentencing hearing; transferred from state custody in 2019, he has become stuck in Santa Rita due to the COVID-19 pandemic, where the Alameda County Sheriffs Office (ACSO) profits from his continued incarceration.** ACSO and medical provider Wellpath have delayed much-needed dental care for Michael, despite a signed order by Judge Jacobson to provide care for Michael's excruciating tooth pain. **Michael has 3 cracked teeth and needs medical assistance now!**

### **CALL:**

**Wellpath at Santa Rita Jail**  
925-551-6595

**Chris Miley, Deputy Chief of Staff, Alameda County Supervisor Richard Valle's Office**  
Phone: 510.502.1525  
Email: Christopher.Miley@acgov.org

### **SCRIPT:**

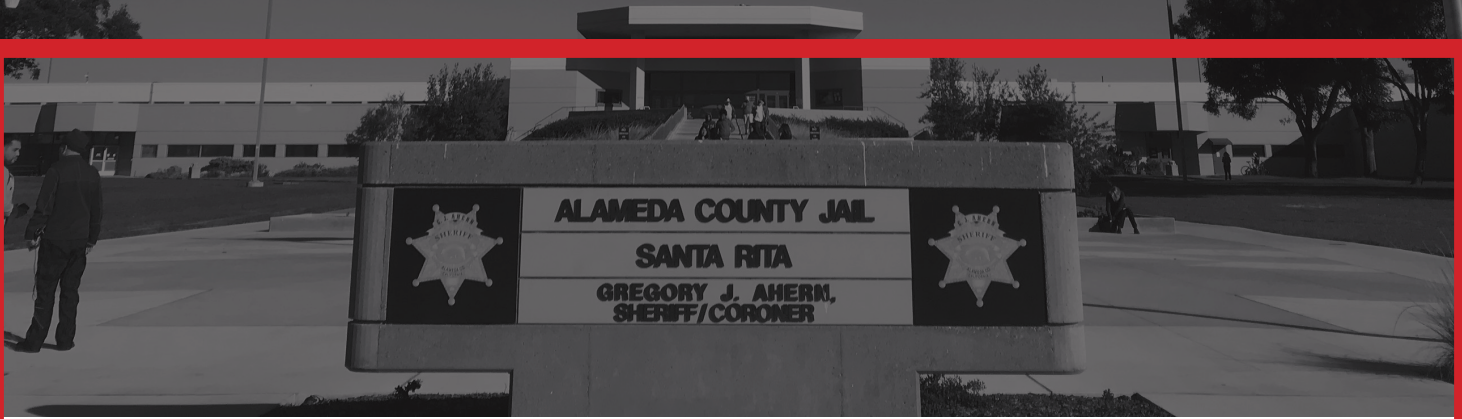
*"Hello, I am calling to express my concern for the wellbeing of Michael Lockhart, PFN #ALU772. Michael has been waiting for months for a dental appointment and he is in excruciating pain. Michael needs dental care now! Why is Wellpath delaying his treatment?"*

[Wellpath staff will tell you that they cannot say when Michael's appointment is scheduled, for security reasons.]

*"I am not asking you to share the exact date of Michael's appointment, I am asking that you schedule Michael's appointment as soon as possible. Would you please transfer me to your supervisor?"*

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## TRANSPHOBIC DEPUTY ENGAGES IN HARASSMENT CAMPAIGN

**A** trans woman incarcerated in a men's unit was subject to harassment and retaliation by a housing deputy, who threatened multiple times over the course of the week to house her with another cellmate against her will. After the woman called the SRJ Hotline, Deputy McMahon described her as a "problem" and said, "you better stop calling those lawyers. If you have a problem with our policies or procedures, you should address us directly so we can deal with it." The deputy also physically and verbally threatened two cisgender men who filed grievances about the harassment. **The incarcerated woman says, "[Santa Rita] doesn't treat me how I should be treated - like a human being, and as someone who is currently transitioning."**

## INCARCERATED WOMEN DEPRIVED OF CLEANING & SANITARY SUPPLIES

**O**n Thursday, March 11, residents of 24 East were quarantined and moved to Housing Unit 35 – North for serial testing, after a woman kitchen worker tested positive for COVID-19. The cohort has now been tested three times. On Saturday, March 27, a HU35 resident was removed from HU35 after she tested positive for COVID-19.

An individual who bunked with the infected person called to express concern. Because HU35 is a dormitory, residents shared the

same airspace and surfaces with the infected person and slept less than 6 feet away from one another. **Despite this obvious risk, the caller's request for cleaning supplies on March 27, mid-morning, was denied and she was informed by a deputy that she would have to wait until 6pm for cell cleaning.**

**Residents of HU35 have been unable to consistently access sanitizing wipes since January**, putting them at risk of infection when they utilize common areas and shared surfaces such as tables and phones. Wipes were confiscated as punishment for an incident that occurred over two months ago. Now, individuals who weren't even incarcerated at the time of the incident are suffering from this ongoing group punishment.

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To view more testimonies from prisoners, please visit [www.srjsolidarity.org](http://www.srjsolidarity.org).

*The Santa Rita Jail Hotline works directly with prisoners who have concerns about COVID-19, medical care, and jail conditions. The content of hotline calls suggests a very different reality than what is being presented to the public by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. If you are interested to become a hotline worker, please fill out this form: [https://nlgsf.ourpowerbase.net/SRJ\\_Hotline\\_Volunteer\\_Form](https://nlgsf.ourpowerbase.net/SRJ_Hotline_Volunteer_Form)*