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Honorable Donna Stashyn
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Solano Superior Court
600 Union Avenue
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**Regarding: County Responses to FY2020-2021 Grand Jury Report Entitled:
Securing Health Safety in County Buildings**

Dear Judge Stashyn:

This letter is in response to the report of the Civil Grand Jury 2020-2021 "Securing Health Safety in County Buildings" submitted to me on April 21, 2021. The Department of Health & Social Services appreciates the opportunity to respond to your findings and recommendations.

Below you will find Health & Social Services' responses to both the findings and recommendations from your report:

First Finding and Recommendations

Finding 1 – Addressing COVID-19 and future public health safety threats in county buildings will require additional investment in strategies that mitigate and prevent future infections.

Recommendation 1A – Solano County lobby state and federal governments for funding to research, identify, and implement proactive health safety strategies in county buildings.

Recommendation 1b – Solano County Departments network to research, identify, and recommend strategies that promote, improve, and enhance public health safety in county buildings.

Response to First Finding – The Department of Health & Social Services agrees with this finding. Each public health threat requires its own unique response and intervention. We do believe that much has been learned through the response of the COVID-19 pandemic which will help the county in responding to other health or community threats which quick response is needed.

Response to Recommendation 1a – This recommendation has been implemented in part. There has been significant work done with our various associations and lobbyists at the federal and state level to assure there is future funding to best be able to respond to the next public health emergency. This includes strategies to assure the health and safety of our own staff and the public entering our county buildings.

Response to Recommendation 1b – This recommendation has been implemented in part. As stated above, each healthcare emergency is unique in itself and will require unique responses. We will take lessons learned through responses in this pandemic and research where we may improve to enhance the health safety of all of those entering our county buildings.

Second Finding and Recommendation

Finding 2 – HDQ Neutral is a spray and air-dry surface sanitizer that can be harmful to public health if applied and not allowed to dry completely before coming into contact with humans.

Recommendation 2 – Train all county employees who prepare and spray HDQ Neutral on its proper dilution, use, and required drying time before allowing public contact with any treated surfaces.

Response to Second Finding and Recommendation – The Department of Health & Social Services agrees with this finding. Health & Social Services seeks to train while concurrently minimizing / discontinuing the use of this product.

I wish to thank you for your concerns for our staff and those receiving services in our county buildings during this pandemic. If you have need for further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,



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