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FYI the NSA approved message below regarding resources from RAINN that may be useful to law enforcement:

The Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) is the nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization, which runs the National Sexual Assault Hotline in partnership with more than 1,000 local sexual assault service providers across the country.

We are writing today to share a resource page we have developed for first-responders that includes guidance from national organizations working to respond to sexual violence during this pandemic. It includes best practices for investigators, sexual assault nurses, forensic interviewers, prosecutors, and courts. It also includes a checklist,  "Prevention and Response to Sexual Violence at COVID-19 Facilities", for temporary COVID 19 facilities that your state might be preparing or have already established.

You can access this guidance here: [https://www.rainn.org/articles/sexual-violence-preparedness-and-response-during-covid-19](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.rainn.org%2Farticles%2Fsexual-violence-preparedness-and-response-during-covid-19&data=02%7C01%7Cscasey%40flsheriffs.org%7Cea01fe7730634171c08008d7e630eafe%7C646735f98d0349d69aff97562a8ee482%7C0%7C0%7C637230970104134415&sdata=zNMSdoNgWgRZfFrcShObaV2QY35Xvu%2FDbFj8k5vBKxA%3D&reserved=0)

We recognize that states are all at different stages of response and levels of contagion, some are even beginning to ease restrictions, but with a second wave likely once there is widespread community exposure again, we anticipate that these recommendations will be helpful.