



**Los Angeles County Probation
COVID-19 Weekly Update
February 5, 2021**

Efforts to address the medically fragile population in detention facilities

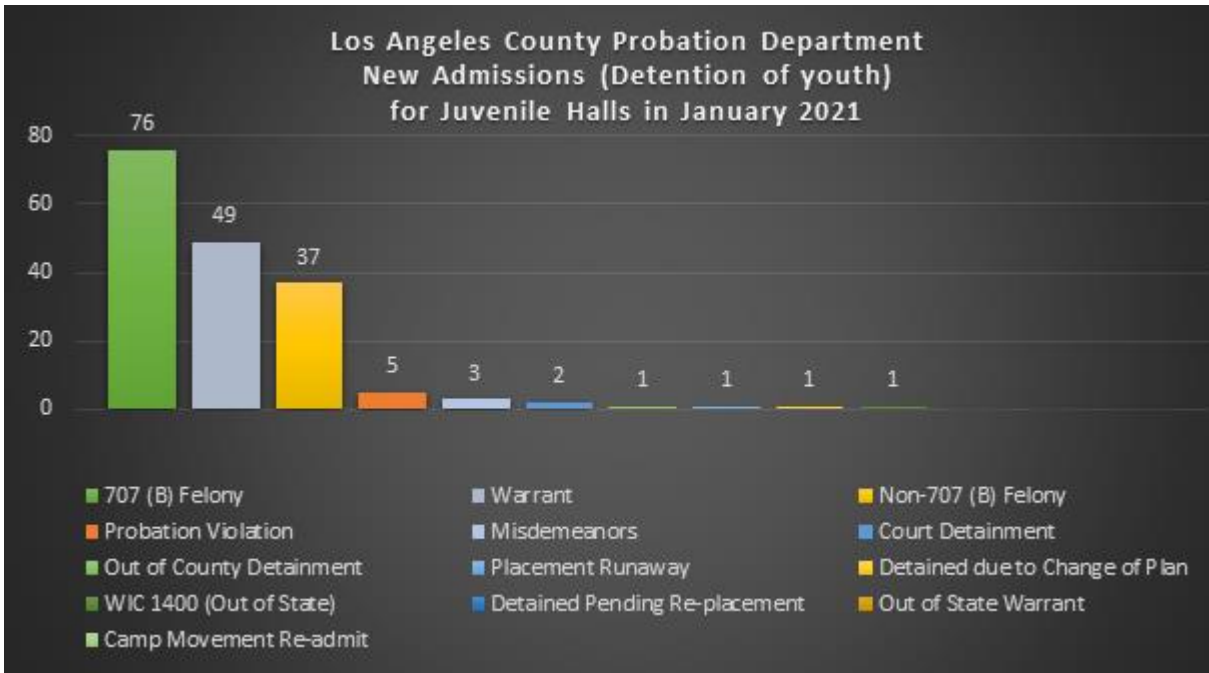
The Probation Department currently does not have any youth with compromised immune systems or other medical conditions placing them at higher risk for COVID-19 infection. Juvenile Court Health Services (JCHS) has identified 9 youth in care with underlying medical conditions which might exacerbate the impact of such infection. There are 8 youth in the juvenile halls and 1 in camp. If infection were to occur JCHS and the Probation Department will be working together on individualized plans to address their care.

Efforts to further reduce population in adult and juvenile detention facilities while balancing public safety

The Probation Department's juvenile detention population has declined during the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 2, 2020, the total juvenile detention population was 840.

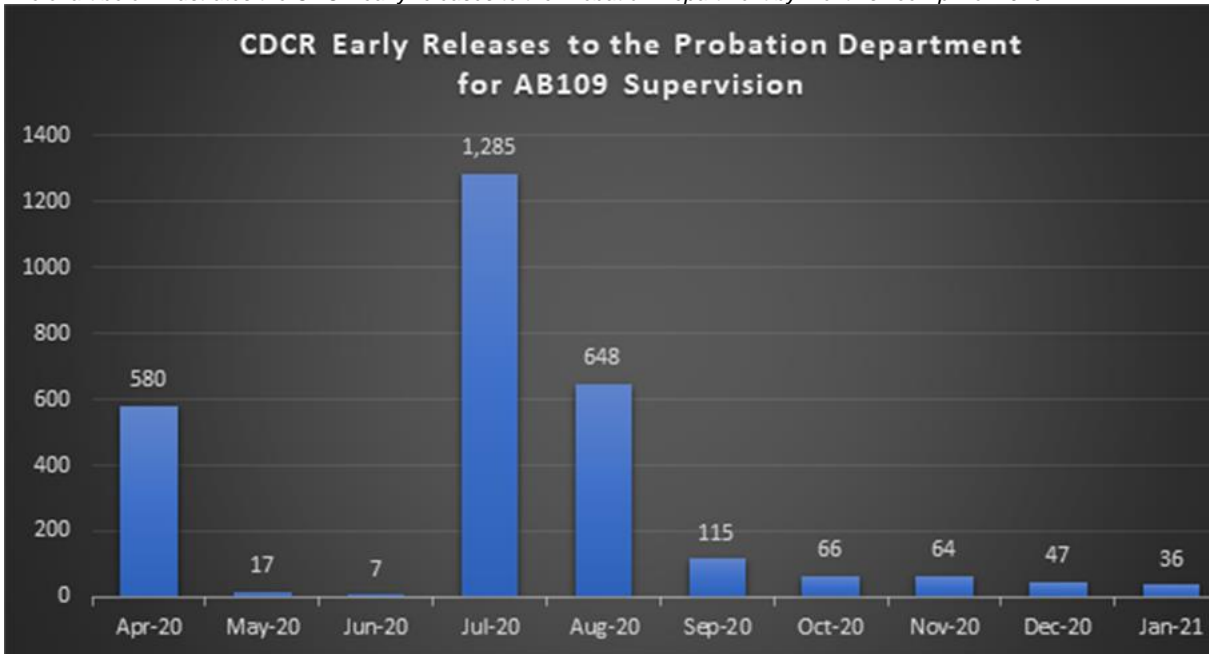
On February 3, 2021 the population was 430. The population for the two juvenile halls was 303 and the population for the five camps was 140. Since last week, the population has increased slightly in the juvenile halls and there was a slight decrease in the camps population. There is a 48 percent decline in juvenile detention population from the onset of COVID-19.

The chart below illustrates the new admission detention population for January 2021. In January 2021, youth who were detained in juvenile halls were predominately for 707b felony petitions and warrants.



The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has continued to schedule early releases from California prisons to the Probation Department AB109 program. The number of early releases has declined significantly in the last five months. As of January 31, 2021, there have been 2,865 early releases scheduled from CDCR.

The chart below illustrates the CDCR early releases to the Probation Department by month since April of 2020.



Efforts to provide resources to support those released from jails, and juvenile detention facilities to prevent homelessness

The Probation Department continues to make efforts to reduce the population in juvenile halls by releasing youth to parents, guardians, and suitable placements when appropriate. Youth are not released into the community with a homeless status.

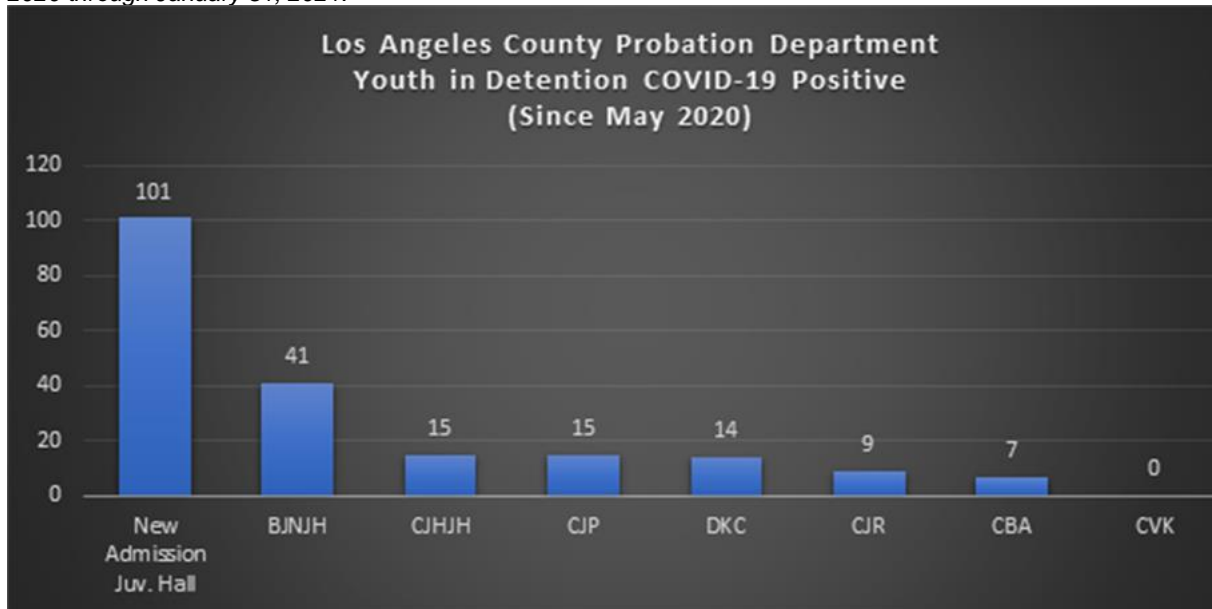
The Probation Department continues to partner with CDCR to receive early releases from California prisons to AB109 supervision in the communities. All homeless adult clients are provided with housing referrals to prevent homelessness.

Plans for adequate quarantining and isolation of individuals in custody

The Probation Department continues to utilize the plans for quarantine and isolation in accordance with the Public Health Order to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

All isolations and quarantines in detention facilities continue to occur in partnership with JCHS personnel. Upon entry to probation facilities, all youth continue to be tested for COVID-19 and remain apart from the general population and living units under quarantine.

The chart below illustrates the cumulative number of positive COVID-19 cases for detained youth from May 3, 2020 through January 31, 2021.



Please note the highest percentage of positive cases resulted from newly admitted youth in juvenile halls who were asymptomatic. In addition, Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall (BJNH) had 15 positive asymptomatic cases from one living unit.

As of February 3, 2021, 205 youth have tested positive for COVID-19. There are 103 youth who tested positive at admission. There have been 101 youth who have tested positive for COVID-19 while in care, 41 at BJNJH, 15 at CJH, 15 at Camp Joseph Paige (CJP), 14 at Dorothy Kirby Center (DKC), 9 at Camp Glenn Rockey (CGR), 7 at Camp Clifton Afflerbaugh (CBA), and 1 at Campus Vernon Kilpatrick (CVK).

As of February 3, 2021, there are 128 youth in quarantine due to a possible exposure to COVID-19. There are 60 youth at BJNJH, 29 youth at CJH, 18 youth at CBA, 9 youth at CJP, and 13 youth at CVK. Youth residing in quarantine living units do not interact with youth in non-quarantine living units.

All juvenile hall living units and camps under quarantine have full programming. Youth under quarantine continue to have access to virtual visiting and an increase in telephone communication with families. The youth in quarantine continue to participate in programming with their living unit, with limits set to avoid interaction with the non-quarantine youth. The youth under quarantine in juvenile halls have individual laptops for virtual remote learning services, provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Education (LACOE).

The quarantine youth in camp continue to have the same programming and activities. The camps under quarantine remain closed to newly admitted youth who have been given camp dispositions from juvenile court. Quarantine units are precautionary measures that have been placed due to a possible COVID-19 exposure and the youth are monitored to identify illness if present.

Increased washing of hands, hygiene, additional cleaning supplies and custodial services

The Probation Department has continued to utilize the hygiene and cleaning plans outlined in the first weekly update. The Probation Department continues to receive additional supplies to assist with cleaning and enhanced safety measures. The field offices have safety plans in place that evolve to keep pace with local and state health orders.

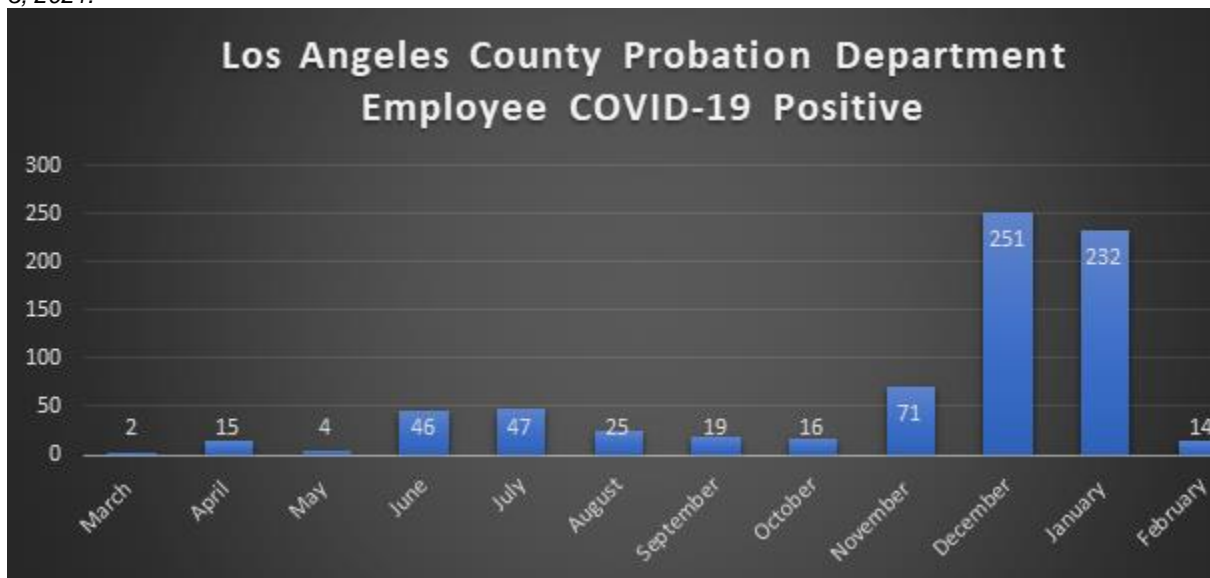
Screening of youth, focus on healthy staffing in the detention facilities

The Probation Department continues to screen newly detained youth upon their arrival to juvenile hall. They are separated from other youth until negative COVID-19 results are received. Employees continue to be screened prior to their entrance into detention facilities. Youth who have tested positive remain in medical isolation and those youth who potentially have been exposed have been quarantined and continue to be monitored by JCHS.

Additions include the following:

- As of February 3, 2021, there have been 3,514 youth tested for COVID-19 since testing was initiated on May 3, 2020.
- There have been 1,837 youth tested upon admission in juvenile halls, 1,202 tested from juvenile hall's general population, and 475 tested from the camp population.
- As of February 3, 2021, 742 Probation Department employees have tested positive for COVID-19. There are 26 additional positive reports since last week's report.
- Of this 742, 371 employees work in detention facilities and 371 work in field offices, which includes 3 contract employees.

The chart below illustrates the monthly totals for employees who tested positive for COVID-19 through February 3, 2021.



The Probation Department continues monitoring to ensure employees are wearing masks, washing hands, and continuing with physical distancing. The Probation Department continues to partner with DPH and JCHS to work in collaboration to ensure protective measures are increased, due to the most recent rise in employees and youth testing positive for COVID-19 in detention facilities. The highest months of positive cases occurred in December and January, which corresponds to the high increase in cases throughout the county of Los Angeles and state of California.

Plan for virtual contact with visitation, keeping families connected and increased communication

As of December 7, 2020, in-person visiting has been suspended for the juvenile halls and camps, due to the most recent Public Health Safer at Home Order. The suspension is expected to be temporary and will resume when it is determined to be safe for the visitors and the detained youth. The facilities have increased virtual visitations and telephone calls to parents and guardians during the temporary

suspension on in-person visits. The Probation Department is currently working to provide free of cost telephone calls to parents and guardians, for the youth detained in juvenile halls. Currently all youth in camps receive telephone calls free of cost to parents and guardians.

The in-person visiting is scheduled to resume on February 13, 2021. Safety protocols will be in place, which will include required face covering, and physical distancing. In addition, a COVID screening and a temperature check will be conducted prior to entering the grounds. All in-person visiting will be conducted outdoors.

In-person religious services will also begin on February 13, 2021 and it will include the same safety precautions as the in-person visiting.

Additional Information

As of February 4, 2021, there are 241 youth in short term residential treatment placement (STRTP) and 23 with Resource Families. There are no longer any youth placed out of state. There are currently 4 youth positive for COVID-19 in STRTPS and there are 12 youth in quarantine due to a possible exposure to COVID-19.

Future Updates

The care of youth in Probation facilities is a joint effort between the L.A. County Probation Department, Juvenile Court Health Services, Department of Mental Health and the Los Angeles County Office of Education. During the COVID-19 crisis, these agencies have collaborated to create an environment of safety and stability for the youth under their care.

We are pleased that the situation in our juvenile facilities has remained largely stable during the COVID crisis and this creates an opportunity to respond to your needs for additional information about the situation. Accordingly, we invite questions related to the County's response to COVID-19 in its juvenile probation facilities or topics you would like to see addressed in future updates. Please email any questions to COVIDquestions@probation.lacounty.gov and we will select questions and provide responses in future weekly updates. Please note that we cannot discuss the circumstances of any individual youth assigned to probation facilities or any pending litigation.

To view previous Probation COVID-19 updates, please visit <https://probation.lacounty.gov/coronavirus>



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