



**Los Angeles County Probation
COVID-19 Weekly Update
February 26, 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 15 youth in care with underlying medical conditions which might exacerbate the impact of such infection. There are 12 youth in the juvenile halls and 3 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 24, 2021 the population was 427. The population for the two juvenile halls was 290 and the population for the five camps was 137. Since last week, the population in both juvenile hall and camp slightly decreased. From the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic through February 24, 2021, there has been a 49 percent decline in juvenile detention population.

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has continued to schedule early releases from California prisons to the Probation Department AB109 program. As of February 18, 2021, there have been 2,879 early releases scheduled from CDCR. There have been 14 early releases for the month of February.

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 without a place to live.

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. The AB109 program has received 4 CDCR releases for February that were referred to housing due to a homeless status upon release from prison.

Plans for quarantining and isolating 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.

As of February 24, 2021, 223 youth have tested positive for COVID-19. There were 110 youth who tested positive for COVID-19 at admission and 113 youth who tested positive while in care. The 113 youth were from the following facilities: 44 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 9 at Campus Vernon Kilpatrick (CVK).

As of February 24, 2021, there were 18 youth in quarantine due to a possible exposure to COVID-19: 14 at CJH and 4 at BJNJH. Youth residing in quarantine living units do not interact with youth in non-quarantine living units. There was a 45 percent decrease of youth in quarantine since last week's report.

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-quarantined 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 quarantined youth in camp continue to have programming and activities. The camps under quarantine remain closed to newly admitted youth who have been given camp dispositions from juvenile court. Quarantined 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 24, 2021, there have been 3,731 youth tested for COVID-19 since testing was initiated on May 3, 2020.
- There have been 1,983 youth tested upon admission in juvenile halls, 1,246 tested from juvenile hall's general population, and 502 tested from the camp population.
- As of February 24, 2021, 770 Probation Department employees have tested positive for COVID-19. This is an increase of three additional positive reports since last week's report.
- Of the 770 employees, 383 employees work in detention facilities and 387 work in field offices, which includes 3 contract employees.
- There are currently 42 positive cases among employees for February.

The Probation Department continues monitoring to ensure employees are wearing masks, washing hands, and maintaining physical distancing.

In person visitation and virtual visitation continue to keep families connected and increase communication

In-person visiting resumed on February 13, 2021. Safety protocols were in place, which required face coverings and physical distancing. In addition, a COVID-19 screening and a temperature check were conducted prior to entering the grounds. All in-person visiting was conducted outdoors.

This past weekend was the second weekend of in-person visiting. In the juvenile halls, 93 youth received visits and 42 youth in camp received visits. From the previous weekend, this represents a 78% increase for the juvenile hall visits and a 23% increase for the camps.

In-person religious services also began on February 13, 2021 and required the same safety precautions used for in-person visiting.

Additional Information

As of February 24, 2021, there were 243 youth in Short Term Residential Treatment Programs (STRTP) and 20 youth with Resource Families. There was one youth who tested positive for COVID-19 in a STRTP and six youth in quarantine due to a possible exposure to COVID-19.



The Los Angeles County Probation Department is committed to rebuilding lives and providing for healthier and safer communities for all 10 million residents of Los Angeles County. Through a variety of programs, community partnerships and services, the Probation Department's mission is to enhance public safety, ensure victims' rights and effect positive probationer behavioral change. The Probation Department comprises nearly 6,100 employees and has an operational budget of \$900 Million as of 2019.

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