



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Los Angeles County Probation COVID-19 Weekly Update Oct. 30, 2020

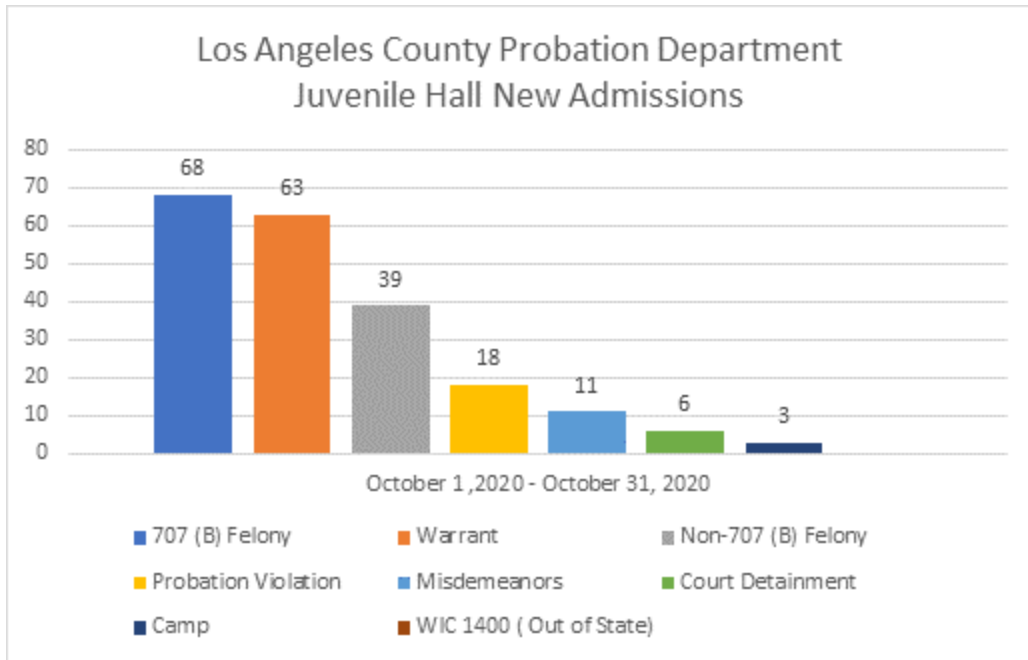
Efforts to address the medically fragile population in detention facilities

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 two youth in care with underlying medical conditions which might exacerbate the impact of such infection if one were to occur and JCHS and the Probation Department are working together on individualized plans to address their care.

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

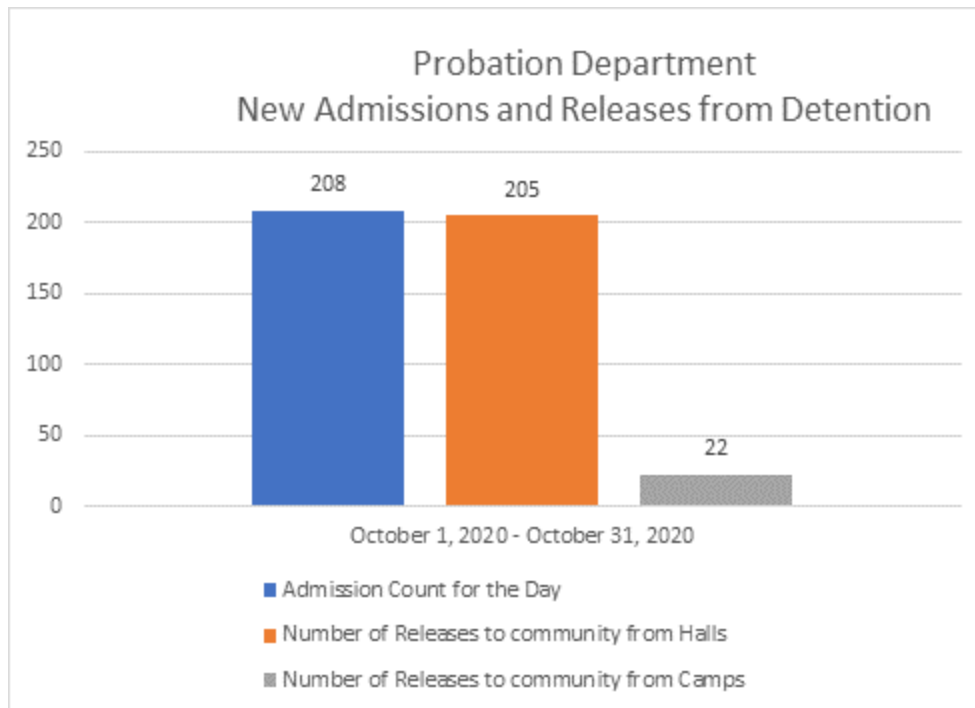
The Probation Department's juvenile detention population has declined during the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 2, 2020, the juvenile detention population was 840. On October 31, 2020, the population was 528. The population in juvenile halls was 326 and the population in camps was 202.

The chart below illustrates the juvenile hall new admission for the month of October 2020.



The highest category of new admissions are 707b felony offenses. The 707b felony offenses account for 30 percent of the new admissions in juvenile halls for October 2020.

The chart below illustrates the number of new admissions to juvenile halls compared to the releases from both juvenile halls and camps.



The Probation department continues to work to reduce the juvenile detention population. The monthly releases are slightly higher than the intake counts for the month end totals.

Efforts to provide resources to support those released from jails, and juvenile detention facilities in order 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.

The Probation Department continues to receive new clients for AB109 supervision due to early prison release dates from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). There have been 2,649 early releases from April 2020 through October 15, 2020. Month-end October totals for the AB109 supervision will be submitted in the thirty-first weekly report this week.

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 Health Officer Order for the control 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 will continue to be tested for COVID-19 and remain in isolation until results are received. As of October 31, 2020, 75 youth had tested positive for COVID-19. There are 54 youth who tested positive at admission. 21

youth have tested positive for COVID-19 while in care: 9 at Dorothy Kirby Center (DKC), 8 from BJNJH, 3 at Camp Afflerbaugh (CBA) and 1 at Central Juvenile Hall (CJH). As of October 31, 2020, there are no youth in quarantine due to possible exposure of a person who tested positive for COVID-19 in juvenile halls or residential camps.

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 continued to establish safety plans and ordered equipment necessary for public re-opening.

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 October 31, 2020, there have been 2,093 youth tested for COVID-19 since testing was initiated on May 3, 2020.
- There have been 1,270 youth tested upon admission in juvenile halls, 540 tested from juvenile hall's general population, and 222 tested from the camp population.
- As of October 31, 2020, 180 Probation Department employees have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Of this 173, 78 employees work in detention facilities and 102 work in field offices, which includes 3 contract employees.

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

The Probation Department continues to utilize virtual platforms for keeping families connected when in-person visits are not available. 125 youth in juvenile halls and 57 youth in camps received in-person visits for the weekend of October 24 -25, 2020.

Additional Information

As of October 28, 2020, there are 262 youth placed in short term residential treatment programs (STRTP). There are 210 youth placed in state and there are 27 youth placed in out of state residential programs and 25 youth placed with resource families. As of October 28, 2020, there are 19 STRTP youth in quarantine in state. There are 10 youth in quarantine at Rancho San Antonio, 7 Boys Republic Los Angeles and 2 and Crittenton.

Communication with the Public

For information or services, clients and members of the community may call the juvenile facilities. For general questions, please contact the Probation Information Center at 866-931-2222 Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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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