

**Los Angeles County Probation
COVID-19 Weekly Update
January 22, 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 10 youth in care with underlying medical conditions which might exacerbate the impact of such infection. There are 8 youth in the juvenile halls and 2 in the camps. 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 juvenile detention population was 840. On January 21, 2021 the population was 421. The population in juvenile halls was 271 and the population in camps was 150. The population has remained steady since the last weekly report.

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has continued to schedule early releases from California prisons to the Probation Department AB109 program for supervision. The number of early releases has declined significantly in the last four months. As of January 15, 2021, there have been 2,831 early releases scheduled from CDCR. There have been 11 early releases for the month of January.

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.

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 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 January 21, 2021, 182 youth had tested positive for COVID-19. There are 93 youth who tested positive at admission. There have been 84 youth who have tested positive for COVID-19 while in care: 13 at Dorothy Kirby Center (DKC), 32 from BJNJH, 9 at Camp Glenn Rocky (CGR), 15 at Central Juvenile Hall(CJH), 4 at Camp Afflerbaugh (CBA) and 14 from Camp Joseph Paige (CJP).

As of January 21, 2021, there are 191 youth in quarantine due to possible exposure to COVID-19. There are 67 youth in in quarantine at CJH, 72 at BJNJH, 29 at CBA, 12 at CJP, 4 at DKC, and 2 at CGR.

All juvenile hall living units and camps under quarantine have full programming, apart from in-person visiting. Youth under quarantine continue to have access to virtual visiting and an increase in telephone communication with families. The youth 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 quarantined 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. JCHS has taken extra precautions in placing living units and camps under quarantine due to the increase in the community of COVID-19 positive cases.

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.

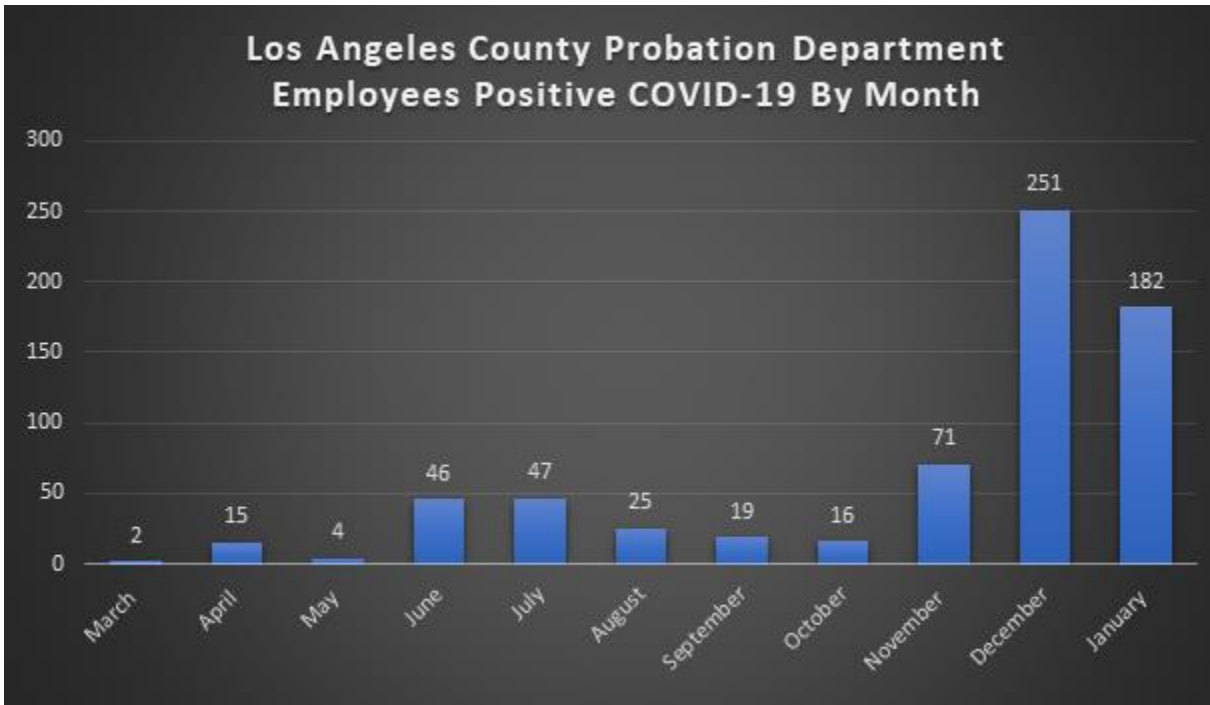
Screening of youth, focus on healthy staffing in the detention facilities

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:

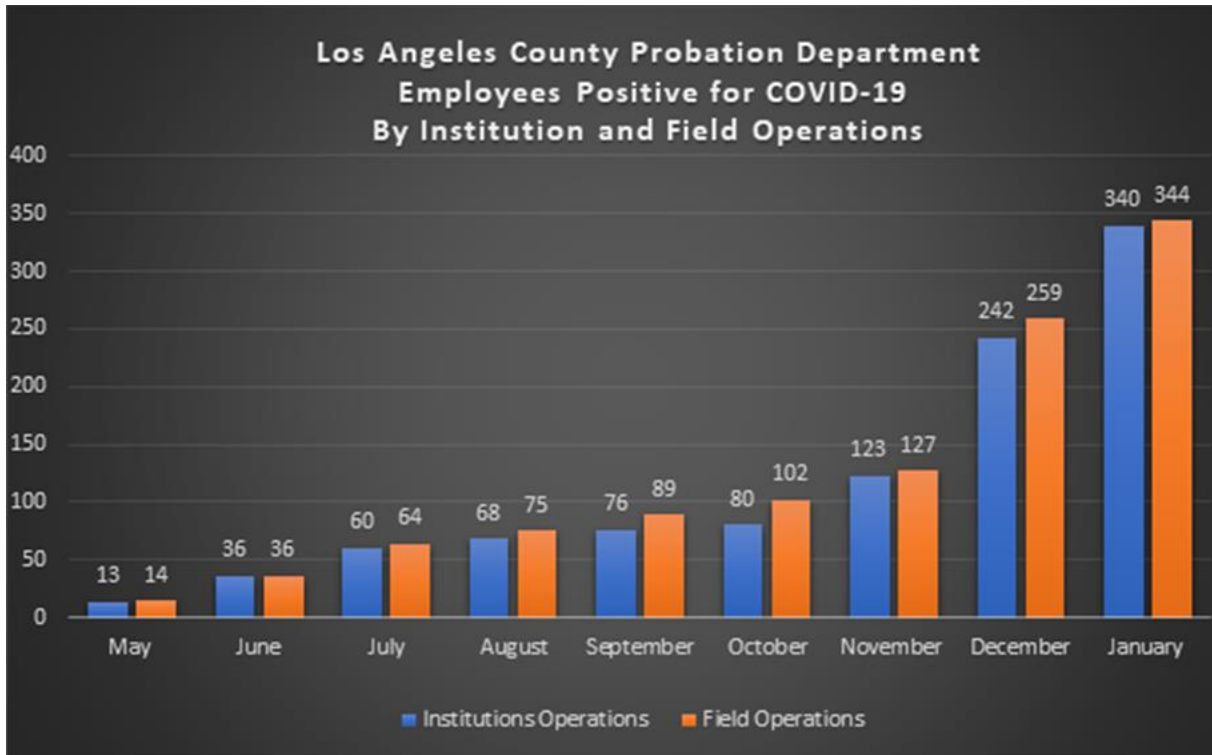
- As of January 21, 2021, there have been 3,325 youth tested for COVID-19 since testing was initiated on May 3, 2020.
- There have been 1,715 youth tested upon admission in juvenile halls, 1158 tested from juvenile hall's general population, and 452 tested from the camp population.
- As of January 21, 2021, 674 Probation Department employees have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Of this 674, 340 employees work in detention facilities and 344 work in field offices, which includes 3 contract employees.
- BJJNH had a significant increase in COVID-19 positive cases since the last weekly report. The COVID-19 cases among employees was 49 cases and now has 72 to-date.
- BJJNH also had a significant increase in youth who recently tested positive for COVID-19. On January 13, 2021, there were 13 to date cases, and currently there are a total of 32 to-date cases, among youth in care.
- 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 chart below illustrates the month to month counts of employee who tested positive for COVID-19 through January 21, 2021.



There was a significant increase in COVID-19 positive cases from December 2020 through present date. The increase parallels the spike in cases among the population in Los Angeles County. The Probation Department has increased telecommuting and reminded employees to self-monitor their health to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

The chart below illustrates the cumulative COVID-19 totals for employees by institutional and field operations from May 2020 through January 21, 2021.



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

As of January 21, 2021, there are 227 youth in STRTP’s and 21 with Resource Families, and there are no longer any youth placed out of state. As of January 14, 2021, there are 3 positive COVID-19 youth in STRTP’s and 10 youth in quarantine.

As of December 7, 2020, in-person visiting has been suspended for the juvenile halls and camps, due to the current Public Health Stay 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.

Additional Information

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On January 21, 2021, the Probation Department Human Resources sent vaccination information to all personnel to provide the updates for the Phase (1A), to include all residents over the age of 65. Employees were also provided the

resident vaccination updates for Orange County, Riverside County and San Bernardino County.

- Los Angeles County: www.vaccinatelacounty.com
- Orange County: <https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-vaccine-resources>
- Riverside County: <https://getttested.ruhealth.org/>
- San Bernardino County: <https://sbcovid19.com/vaccine/>

The Probation Department is currently working on a two-hour virtual training course that will provide employees with current COVID-19 information and guidance on the vaccinations that will be made available in Phase 2. The informational training contains content received from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.



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