



**Los Angeles County Probation
COVID-19 Weekly Update
January 29, 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 is 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 28, 2021 the population was 435. The population in juvenile halls was 292 and the population in camps was 143. The population has increased slightly in the juveniles and there was a slight decrease in the camp 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 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 28, 2021, 194 youth had tested positive for COVID-19. There are 97 youth who tested positive at admission. There have been 97 youth who have tested positive for COVID-19 while in care: 14 at Dorothy Kirby Center (DKC), 38 from BJNJH, 9 at Camp Glenn Rocky (CGR), 15 at Central Juvenile Hall(CJH), 6 at Camp Afflerbaugh (CBA) and 15 from Camp Joseph Paige (CJP). As of January 28, 2021, there are 183 youth in quarantine due to possible exposure to COVID-19. There are 49 youth in in quarantine at CJH, 83 at BJNJH, 19 at CBA, 10 at CJP, 7 at DKC, and 2 at CGR and 8 at CVK. 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

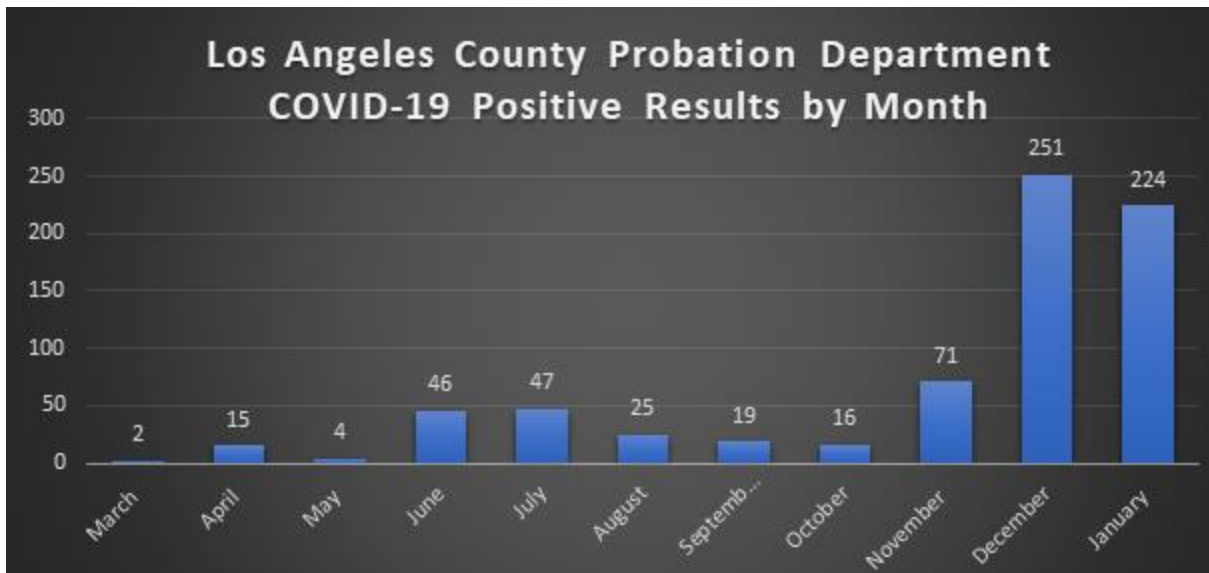
The Probation Department continues to screen newly detained youth upon their arrival to juvenile hall. They are separated from other youth until negative COVID-19 results are received. Employees continue to be screened prior to their entrance into detention facilities. Youth who have tested positive 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 28, 2021, there have been 3,444 youth tested for COVID-19 since testing was initiated on May 3, 2020.
- There have been 1,774 youth tested upon admission in juvenile halls, 1201 tested from juvenile hall's general population, and 469 tested from the camp population.
- As of January 28, 2021, 716 Probation Department employees have tested positive for COVID-19. There are 42 additional positive reports since last week's report.
- Of this 716, 364 employees work in detention facilities and 352 work in field offices, which includes 3 contract employees.
- 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 28, 2021.



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 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

As of January 28, 2021, there are 229 youth in STRTP's and 21 with Resource Families, and there are no longer any youth placed out of state.

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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