

COVID-19

DECARCERAL GUIDELINES

These guidelines are intended to reduce the spread of COVID-19 both within jails and prisons and the communities where they are located by providing mechanisms for release and stopping the flow of new admissions to either facility.

- Reduce the prison population by prioritizing the immediate release of **elderly and medically vulnerable** people.
- Reduce the prison population by agreeing to the early release of anyone within 18 months of their release date.
- Reduce the local jail population by releasing anyone who is held pretrial and who does not pose an unreasonable safety risk to a specific person or persons.
- Reduce the prison population by halting all new state prison sentences, unless the person poses an unreasonable safety risk to a specific person or persons.
- Reduce the local jail population by releasing all people serving a misdemeanor sentence who are within six months of their release date.
- Reduce the prison and jail populations by releasing all people held on probation and parole technical violation detainers or sentences.
- Reduce the jail population by not making new custodial arrests for any crimes that do not pose an unreasonable safety risk to a specific person or persons.
- Create, publicly release, and implement a policy, vetted by public health officials, for handling COVID-19 within each facility.