



Additional Resources for Hard Call: *COVID Quandaries* Episode 2

Sentenced to Sickness? COVID 19 Behind Bars

For general data and guidelines on COVID-19 in prisons/jails:

CDC Guidelines on How to Mitigate COVID-19 in Detention Settings: The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention created [this guide](#) on how to reduce the risk from COVID-19 in correctional and detention facilities.

[The Prison Policy Initiative](#) tracks criminal justice policy changes in relation to COVID-19. This initiative provides recommendations to state and local criminal justice agencies and debunks misconceptions about COVID-19 and the criminal justice system.

[This Journal of Addiction Medicine Article](#) looks at reform of policing and treatment of individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) around COVID-19 and acute relief of systemic racism and police violence in restructuring our justice system.

[The Sentencing Project](#) provides comprehensive as well as state-by-state criminal justice data, highlighting trends and policy implications, with data broken down by various demographics.

[The CDOC Covid-19 Website](#) outlines measures taken by the Colorado Department of Corrections (CDOC) to protect the health of correctional staff, inmates, and parolees in the state of Colorado.

[This PubMed Article](#) discusses the importance of understanding the societal implications of prison environments, issues with overcrowding, and access to care and hygiene products for incarcerated populations.

COVID-19 with prison release policies and prison crowding is explored in [this article](#).

[This Beyond Intractability Article](#) explores types of justice and the modern meaning of types of justice: distributive, procedural, retributive, and restorative justice.

[The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy](#) discusses the implications of justice and accessibility in healthcare, whether it is a right, universal access to healthcare, and measuring the equity of access.

Physician involvement in the allocation of healthcare: [This PubMed Article](#) looks at forming cost-conscious and less-wasteful decisions in expanding healthcare access and physician involvement in allocation policies.

The implications of decarceration and reentry from prisons: This PubMed article explores the dilemma of long prison sentences, importance of proper management, and reducing the correctional population [here](#).

[This PubMed Article](#) looks at using the Risk-Need-Responsivity (RNR) model to make informed decisions about release, and reducing the inmate population to comply with social distancing guidelines.

Stories about individuals seeking release from prisons and jails due to COVID:

Read more about Eraina Pretty's story [here](#).

This [9News](#) story is about Cornelius Haney, who was granted an early parole due to COVID-19 and went on to be accused of a murder after his release. He was released 4 months early under “special needs parole” criteria, which combined a review of his risk factors related to COVID-19 and the type of crime committed (a robbery) and his behavior while in prison.

“Coronavirus Cases Rise Sharply in Prisons Even as They Plateau Nationwide”: Check out this [NYT article](#) discussing the lack of testing in prisons and clusters of COVID occurring most often in correctional institutions. This [NYT opinion article](#) expands on the coronavirus crisis in prisons, sharing that the nation’s top 5 COVID hot spots are all in correctional facilities yet not enough inmates are being released.

Curious what the situation is like in Colorado Corrections? Read [this](#) CPR article.

[Beyond Estelle: Medical Rights for Incarcerated Patients](#): This paper by Greg Dober delves into the world of medical decision making for those who are ill and incarcerated. The question of who gets to have authority over a prisoner’s health decisions is explored.

Additional podcasts that explore prisoner/inmate release amidst COVID-19:

In this [episode](#) of The Daily Podcast, the question of which prisoners at Rikers Island prison, the second-largest jail in the US, get released and when is explored. From prisoners unable to obtain hand sanitizer due to a ban on alcohol use to limited masks, confined space, and prioritizing certain circumstances for release, this episode portrays what the process of prisoner/inmate release at Rikers really entails.

Citations Needed Podcast, Episode title “Widespread Indifference to Covid-19 in Prisons”: [This](#) podcast (also available as a transcript [here](#)) emphasizes the misunderstanding or a lack of understanding in how much correctional health impacts public health. As an interviewee on the podcast expresses, “if humanity doesn’t do it for you for why we should not allow COVID-19 to spread within prisons, hopefully your own well being does.”

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