

# New York City Board of Correction COVID-19 Update

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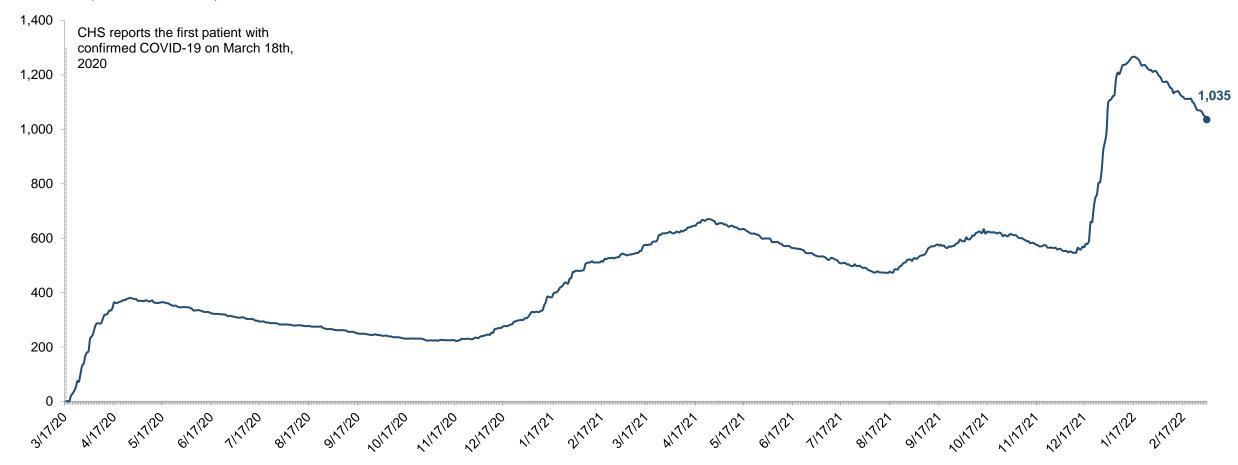
## COVID-19 Update March 8, 2022

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## **Confirmed Cases**

- The number of people in jail who had ever tested positive for COVID-19 surged in December 2021 and began to fall in January 2022.
- On March 4, 2022, CHS reported there were 1,035 people in jail who had ever tested positive for COVID-19 while in custody 1 person had an active COVID-19 infection.<sup>2</sup>

## Number of Incarcerated Patients Ever Confirmed Positive for COVID-19 While in Custody March 17, 2020 – March 4, 2022



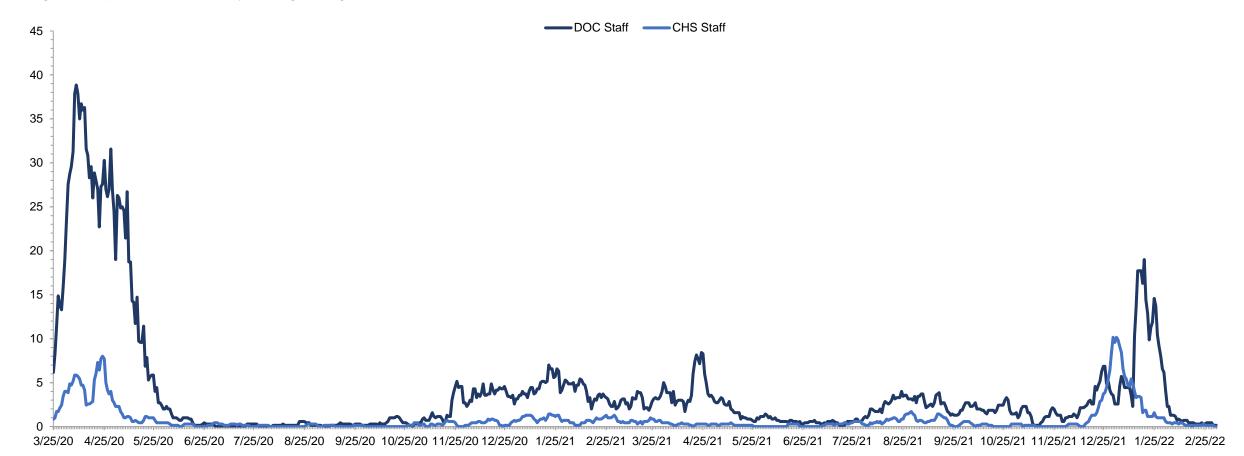
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This metric includes active and recovered patients with confirmed COVID-19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Data reported by CHS reflects data collected on the prior day.

- As of March 4, 2022, there have been 561 COVID cases among CHS staff and 2,841 COVID cases among DOC staff.
- DOC reported 18 new staff cases in February 2022, a 94 percent decrease compared to 281 new staff cases reported in January 2022.
- CHS reported 6 new staff cases in February 2022, a 93 percent decrease compared to 80 new staff cases reported in January 2022.

## DOC & CHS Staff with Confirmed COVID-19, Daily Change March 25, 2020 – March 4, 2022

Figures are presented as a 7-day moving average



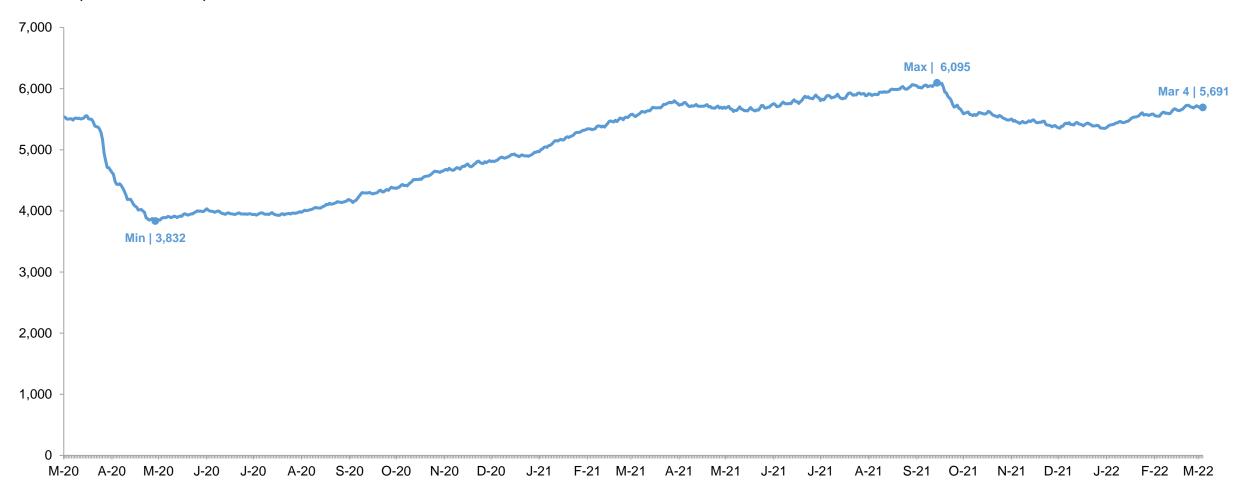
NOTE: CHS began reporting positive staff cases to the Board on March 18th, 2020. DOC began reporting positive staff cases to the Board on March 21st, 2021.

SOURCE: BOC analysis of daily DOC and CHS COVID-19 Reports to BOC

Jail Population & Decarceration

- The first wave of the pandemic prompted coordinated efforts to rapidly reduce the jail population. On April 29, 2020, the jail population fell to a historic low of 3,832. This trend slowly reversed for much of the latter part of the pandemic. On September 14, 2021, the jail population reached a new high of 6,095–a 59 percent increase compared to April 29, 2020.
- More recently, the jail crisis and Omicron infection wave led to additional calls for decarceration. The jail population fell sharply in September 2021, plateaued shortly thereafter, and has since increased.

#### Total Jail Population March 1, 2020 – March 4, 2022



# DOC Population by Custody Status and Key Demographics as of March 4, 2022

As of Friday March 4, 2022, New York City's jails held:

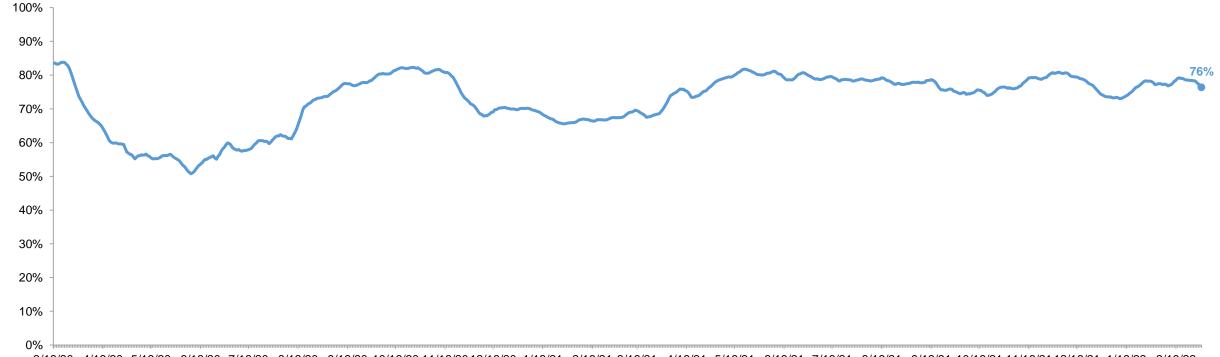
- 5,107 people in pre-trial detention
- 235 people serving a city sentence
- 93 people held on technical parole violations with no open case
- 256 people in custody for other reasons (e.g., state sentenced, state ready)
- 767 people ages 50 and over, including 20 held solely on a technical parole violation

Housing Area Density

- Throughout the pandemic, most people in jail have been housed in units operating above 50 percent of their design capacity.
- As of March 4, 2022, 76 percent of people in jail were housed in units exceeding 50 percent capacity.

#### Percentage of Jail Population Housed in Units Above 50% Capacity March 16, 2020 – March 4, 2022

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#### NOTES:

- Design capacity reflects the maximum number of beds each housing area was designed to accommodate. DOC believes this metric serves as the best available proxy for housing area size. Accordingly, the capacity figures presented above are calculated by dividing housing area census by housing area design capacity.
- The census data presented in the table above comes from DOC's 5am census, which reflects a head count conducted by DOC staff each morning. The census data presented on all other slides is sourced from DOC's Inmates in Custody files.
- Dorm count includes modular dorm units in AMKC, RMSC, and RNDC.
- The values above exclude counts of people in Contagious Disease Units (CDUs) (where people in custody share no communal space), intake areas (where the census changes throughout the day), and the Bellevue Hospital Prison Ward (BHPW). 10

SOURCE: BOC analysis of DOC 5am census reports and DOC designed capacity data.

- Between January 15 and March 4, 2022, most people in jail were housed in units operating above 75 percent of their design capacity.
- As of March 4, 2022, 52 percent of people in jail were housed in units exceeding 75 percent capacity.

### Percentage of Jail Population Housed in Units Above 75% Capacity March 16, 2020 – March 4, 2022

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Testing

The COVID-19 testing rate fell in late January 2022. Each day between January 18 and February 13, 2022, there was roughly one (1) COIVD-19 test administered for every 100 people in custody.

# Daily COVID-19 Tests Per Hundred People in Custody<sup>1</sup> June 29, 2020 – February 13, 2022

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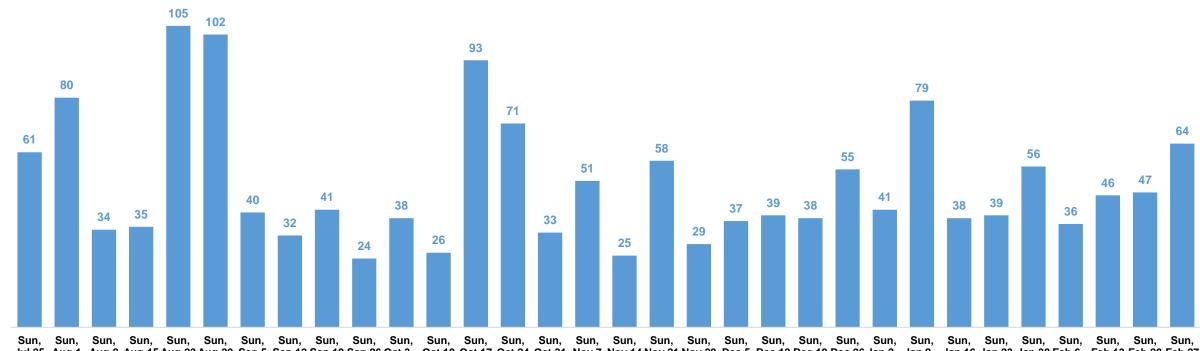


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> BOC calculates the rate of testing as the proportion of (a) the daily number of tests administered to individuals per (b) the daily jail census count: (a) is derived from metric # 4 in CHS's Local Law 59 reports and (b) is derived from DOC's Inmates in Custody files.

Vaccinations

- Between January 7, 2021 and March 3, 2022, CHS administered at least one dose of the vaccine to 4,921 people.
- CHS administered 187 new vaccination doses in February 2022.

## New Vaccination Doses Administered by CHS July 25, 2021 – March 3, 2022



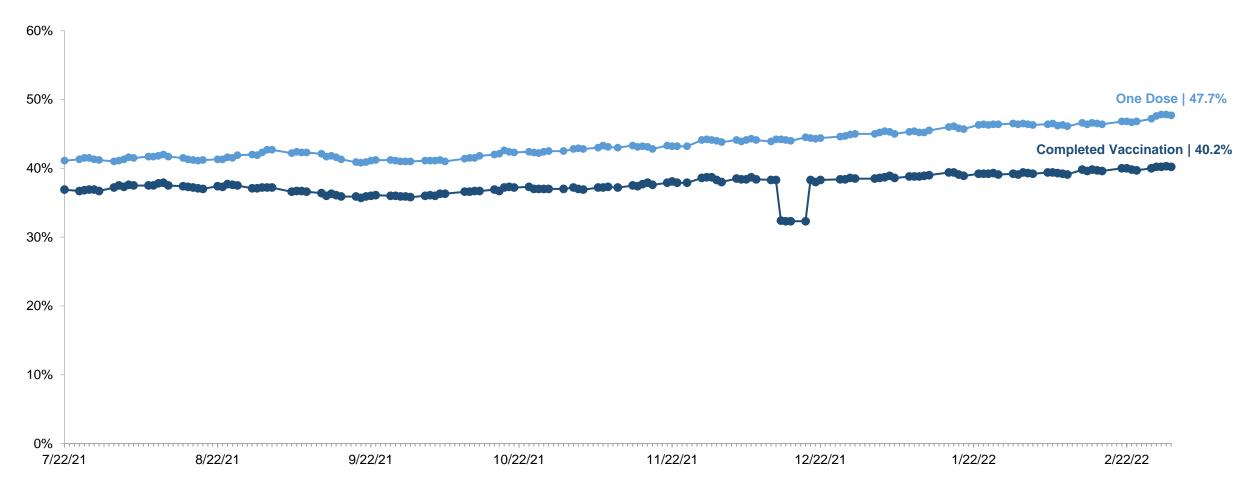
SOURCE: BOC analysis of CHS COVID-19 Data Snapshots

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> No values are reported on holidays or weekends.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> CHS made a change to its vaccination reporting in July 2021. Before July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, CHS reported: (1) the total number of patients ever in custody who received the first vaccination dose by CHS and (2) the total number of patients ever in custody who completed vaccination by CHS. On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, CHS began reporting the total number of patients ever in custody who received at least one vaccination dose by CHS because patients in custody are increasingly receiving one dose of a two-dose regimen from a source external to CHS.

- In February 2022, the share of people in jail who had received one dose of the vaccine fluctuated between 46.1 and 47.6 percent; the share of people in jail who had been completely vaccinated fluctuated between 39.1 and 40.2 percent.
- As of March 3, 2022, 47.7 percent of people in jail had received one dose if the vaccine and 40.2 percent of people in jail were completely vaccinated.

## Share of Jail Populaiton Vaccinated<sup>1</sup> July 22, 2021 – March 3, 2022



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