

BOARD OF CORRECTION STATEMENT REGARDING COVID-19 RELATED DEATH OF
A PERSON IN CUSTODY

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Jennifer Jones Austin, Chair, [New York City Board of Correction](#) (the City's independent oversight agency for the jails):

The Board of Correction is deeply saddened to learn of the first COVID-19 related death of a person in custody. We send our condolences to this individual's family and friends. Our jails, just like our city, are being challenged by this pandemic. The Board will continue working with the Department of Correction, Correctional Health Services and all criminal justice leaders to ensure the safe release of as many people as possible, and the safest COVID-19 precautions for all those who remain in custody.

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