

**NYC Department of Correction
 Monthly Reducing Population in Punitive Segregation Report
 August 2021 Report (July 2021 Updates)**

The Department shall submit to the Board, on a monthly basis and in writing, a public progress report for the previous month, which shall include the Department’s progress toward achieving:

- a) *Progress in reducing the PSEG population (i.e., PSEG I/Central Punitive Segregation Unit (CPSU), PSEG II, Restrictive Housing Unit (RHU));*

	% change in daily ADP from 7/1/21 – 7/30/21¹
PSEG (PS I, PS II, RHU)	-12% [100 – 88]

- b) *Progress in reducing the population housed in other restrictive housing units, including Enhanced Supervision Housing (ESH) and Secure;*

	% change in ADP from 7/1/21 – 7/30/21¹
ESH	12% [117 – 131]
Secure	-25% [16 – 12]

- c) *Construction, opening, and use of new RMAS housing units, including when plans are submitted to and approved by SCOC and explanations for unanticipated delays;*

Construction in RMAS units is underway. Pending unforeseen circumstances, the Department anticipates all construction to be completed by November 1, 2021. The Department submitted plans for RMAS Level 1 units on September 20, 2020 and received SCOC approval on October 29, 2020. The Department submitted plans for RMAS Level 2 units on September 11, 2020 and received SCOC approval on September 29, 2020.

- d) *Development of Department policies governing the operation of RMAS disaggregated by the stage of their development, as follows:*

- i. Commenced drafting;
- ii. Signed by DOC and posted on DOC’s public website;
- iii. Integrated into training of DOC staff.

Please refer to Attachment A for updated chart of policy revisions.

- e) *Implementation of training on RMAS, including:*

- i. Status of curriculum development;
- ii. Number of staff scheduled to be trained disaggregated by uniform and non-uniform status;

¹ Data snapshot per DOC 5am Census. Housing area censuses changes daily as individuals are discharged or progressed from the housing area and/or placed in the area based on a qualifying incident and guilty adjudication finding.

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- iii. Number of staff who have been trained, disaggregated by uniform and non-uniform status.

Staff training curriculum development and planning is underway. Curriculum will be finalized pending finalization of all related policies [See response to item (d)]. The training methodology will encompass a holistic approach, and may incorporate modules on the following applicable components:

- Department Vision, Mission and Values
- Multi-disciplinary team approach emphasizing collaboration and person in custody engagement
- Awareness and modeling of Procedural and Transformative Justice principles, where applicable
- RMAS Operations, Policies, Directives, etc. in accordance with BOC RMAS Rule and Procedural/Restorative Justice Principles
- Conflict Resolution and De-escalation options in accordance with related policies and consistent with organizational values
- Individual, team, and person in custody needs in the corrections environment
 - This training component may include sub-modules on “Correction Fatigue to Fulfillment” and “Outward Mindset”

At present, pending the finalization of training curriculum, no staff have been scheduled for training at this time. The Department will continue to provide updates in monthly reports and public Board of Correction meetings on the status of policy development, training curriculum finalization, and scheduled training.

f) Implementation of programming in RMAS.

The Department completed the drafting of a programming plan and sample daily engagement schedules for individuals in RMAS Levels 1 and 2. These plans are subject to change as implementation develops and will be provided in the Department’s Comprehensive Transition Plan on August 9, 2021 as required by §6-26(b).

g) The provision of services such as recreation, visits, and privileges in the general population which exceed the requirements of the Minimum Standards outlined in Chapter 1 of Title 40 of the Rules of the City of New York;

All services in general population adhere to the requirements on Board Minimum Standards with alterations in accordance with public health guidance related to COVID-19. The Department continues to provide free telephone calls in excess of the Board Minimum Standards, as well as free weekly postage.

h) Any deviations from the detailed timelines and benchmarks set forth in the plan required by 40 RCNY § 6-26(b);

There are no deviations in the referenced timelines and benchmarks at this time. The Department will continue to provide implementation updates at monthly public Board meetings and will continue to update this report as additional information becomes available.

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- i) Any other information the Department or the Board deems relevant to understanding progress toward the elimination of punitive segregation and implementation of the RMAS model.*

The Department is actively working to reduce the current PSEG population while maintaining safe and secure facilities in advance of the RMAS implementation. The Department will provide a more extensive update on these efforts as they develop in advance of November 2021.

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Attachment A: RMAS Policy Planning

Updated: 8/2/21

#	Policy Area	Major Change	Status
1	Inter-Facility Transfers	Policy reviewed for RMAS Rules	Policy has been updated and is being prepped for Draft Review
2	Special Unit Assignments	Policy reviewed for RMAS Rules	Policy has been updated and is being prepped for Draft Review
3	Classification	Policy reviewed for RMAS Rules	Policy has been updated and is being prepped for Draft Review
4	Solo Housing	Will be rescinded in its entirety when RMAS Policy is promulgated	Policy is still active
5	Enhanced Supervision Housing	Will be rescinded in its entirety when RMAS Policy is promulgated	Policy is still active
6	Pre-Hearing Detention and Punitive Segregation Status	Policy reviewed for RMAS Rules	Policy being updated
7	Centrally Monitored Cases	Policy reviewed for RMAS Rules	Policy being updated
8	Restraints	Removal of restraint desks; RMAS rules around shackling in cell	Policy has been updated and is being prepped for Draft Review
9	Department Definitions of People in Custody Categories	Policy reviewed for RMAS Rules	Policy being updated
10	Lock In & Lock Out	Policy reviewed for RMAS Rules	Policy being updated
11	Mental Health Referral of Individuals Awaiting Disciplinary Action	Policy reviewed for RMAS Rules	Policy being updated
12	Observation Aide Program	Policy reviewed for RMAS Rules	Policy being updated
13	Clinical Alternative to Punitive Segregation	Policy reviewed for RMAS Rules	Policy being updated
14	Constant Supervision	Policy reviewed for RMAS Rules	Policy being updated
15	Transitional Restorative Unit	Policy reviewed for RMAS Rules	Policy being updated
16	Secure Unit	Will be rescinded in its entirety when RMAS Policy is promulgated	Policy is still active
17	Restricted Housing Unit (RHU) Program	Will be rescinded in its entirety when RMAS Policy is promulgated	Policy is still active
19	Due Process Procedures	To match BOC rules	Policy being updated
20	De-escalation Confinement	Drafting in process	Policy Pending
21	Canine Unit (K9)	Language on searches	Policy being updated

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22	DOC Rules and Regulations	Section 105	Policy Pending
23	Individual in Custody Handbook	Drafting in process	Policy Pending
24	Mail and Packages	Policy reviewed for RMAS Rules	Policy Pending
25	Restrictive Statuses	Policy reviewed for RMAS Rules	Policy Pending
26	Risk Management & Accountability System (RMAS)	New policy created	Policy is in Draft Review