

THE COVID-19 SOLUTIONS LEGISLATORS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE CALLING ON GOV. CUOMO TO TAKE

RELEASE

Lawmakers at all levels of government, public health experts, social workers, faith leaders, advocates, attorneys, and others have all called for the Governor to grant broad clemencies, especially to older people, people with underlying health conditions, pregnant people, parole-eligible people, and everyone within 1 year of their release. These releases must include people convicted of violent crimes, who the state's own data reveals pose the least risk to public safety upon release, especially after serving decades in prison and in their older age.

COMMUNITY SUPERVISION

Lawmakers and advocates are calling for community supervision to align with public health by terminating the supervision of those who have successfully completed one year of supervision and by suspending travel restrictions, programming requirements, the enforcement of technical violations, and the use of electronic monitoring.

IMPROVED CONDITIONS

Lawmakers and advocates are calling on Gov. Cuomo to improve conditions by immediately implementing measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus while respecting the dignity, physical health, mental well-being, and basic liberties of all people in prisons, including: making testing and medical treatment readily available to all; ending solitary confinement; providing free and unlimited access to phone calls, emails, and mail for communication with family members, loved ones, legal counsel, and the courts; ensuring access to supportive services; justly compensating those who provide labor to the state; and guaranteeing transparency regarding steps taken to address the danger of coronavirus and the threat of its spread.

REENTRY

Lawmakers and advocates are calling for Cuomo and DOCCS to remove barriers to housing, expedite field investigations of residences and residential treatment programs to ensure the swift release of people from prison, and partnering with existing reentry and community-based organizations to support people released during the pandemic.
